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This volume contains Librarian's Reports from April, 1927 to October, 1935. At the time they were bound no reports were found for the following months:

1928 - February, April, July

1930 - February, July, August, September, December

1931 - August, December

1932 - February, May, August

1933 - June, July, September, October, December

1934 - January, February

1935 - May, July

Report for April, 1927.

The work of the library for April, 1927, was as follows:

The library was open twenty-six week days in April and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 P. M.

Children borrowed	3,224 books		
Adults	6,017	- a total of	9,251 at the Main library
Glenwood loaned			874
Crescent Center branch			477
Lincoln	"		862
Garnett	"		698
			12,162

Visitors on Sundays averaged 47.

192 books were mended.

Since the Board met April 4, 1927, 337 books have been added: 302 purchased- 34 were gifts, and 1 was a bound magazine.
6 were sent to Garnett branch.

Some of the important new books are:
Baird's manual of American college fraternities.
Who's who in America 1926-27.
2 additional volumes of the Pageant of America- vols.8 & 12
4 vols. Historical Portraits to supplement the Dictionary of National Biography.
The historical novels of Wm Harrison Ainsworth.
The novels of Gaboriau.
Children's books and replacements in the fiction made up the bulk of the books ordered in April.

Mrs. W. D. Baldwin, Mrs. W. E. Chilton and Mrs. Arthur Koontz gave many fine books this month.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal
Librn

Report for May 1927

The Library was open 26 days in May 1927.

Children borrowed 2830 books and adults 5501 a total at the Main Library of 8331
or 320 a day

Crescent Center Library loaned	715
Garnett " "	446
Glenwood School "	1098
Lincoln " "	452
A grand total of	11042

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 46

308 books were added by purchase
37 were gifts
30 were bound periodicals & rebound books

Some of the important books are:
vol.3 of Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography.
Makers of Canada 12 vols. which will soon be ready for the shelve
Historic portraits 4 vols. supplementing the Dictionary of National biography.

The majority of the books this month were children's books.

Books were given by Misses Frances & Catherine Guthrie, Kenneth Kingsland, Mrs.Rogers of Vae St.& Mr.Alexander F.Robertson gave his biography of Alexander Hugh Holmes Stuart.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Librarian

Report June 1927

The Library was open in June 1927 26 days.

Children borrowed 3382 books and adults 5944, a total of

at the Main Library, or 358 a day	9326
Crescent loaned	558
Garnett "	357
Lincoln no report	
Glenwood " "	
Grand total	10241

82 books were recased		
110 " " mended	Total	192

Readers on Sunday afternoons averaged 31

95 books were purchased, and 56 were gifts.

Of these 36 were sent to Garnett and 13 were sent to Glenwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. von Schlichten Sul

Lbn.

Reports for July, August & September 1927

Books loaned in July at Main Library were	8640
At Crescent Center Branch	470
A total of	9110

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Books loaned in August at Main Library were	9886
At Crescent Center Branch	551
A total of	10437

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In September the Main Library loaned	8018
Crescent Center Branch	366
Lincoln Branch	583
Glenwood	478
A total of	9445

45 books were sent to Lincoln Branch.

To the Main Library have been added the complete works of George Eliot and Anthony Trollope. Buchan's History of the Great War 4 volumes. Two art series have been added, Masterpieces in Colour 9 volumes and Distinguished American Artists 6 volumes.

Books were given by Mrs.Amy Singleton, C.Philip Ross, Mrs.W.E. Chilton, Miss Wyona Moore, Mr.Tunison, Harry Brawley, Alton Frail Mrs.A.S.Guthrie, Mr.Maurice Drew, Walter Wood Nichols of New York, Archives & History oDep't of W.Va., Mr.W.B.Mathews, American Tree Association of Washin ton, D.C.

Mrs.Walter Avis gave beautiful cut-flowers.

The Library was closed Sept.22nd. from 7:30 to 9 p.m. by order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

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Oct.1927

The work of the Library for Oct.1927 was as follows:

The Library was open 26 days.

Children borrowed	5136 books	
Adults "	6240	
A total at the Main of		11,376
Crescent loaned	546	
Glenwood "	695	
Lincoln "	903	
A total of		13,520

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 38

The Virginian Theater has asked us to display their Les Miserables posters.

480 books were added this month. 80 were gifts.
39 were bound periodicals
28 were sent to Lincoln Branch
The rest were mostly children's books for the Main Library

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Lbn.

November 1927

The work of the Library for November 1927 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days and was closed all day the 24th. Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed 3903 books, and adults 6012, a total of 9915 at the Main Library

Crescent Center loaned		525
Glenwood	"	788
Lincoln	"	754

A grand total of 11,982

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 63.

The page appointed for work on Saturday evenings (2 hrs) is Micajah Davis Wren.

Since the Board met Nov.14th. 587 books have been added by purchase and 9 were gifts; of this number 346 were Library Extension books, that is, books which the Library will place in Tiskelwah, Bigley, Elk & Watts graded schools; 57 will be sent to Crescent Center Branch.

Mr.W.C.B.Moore gave a handsome illustrated book of the presidents of the U.S.

Mr.John T.Harris gave copies of the Legislative Hand-book.

Mrs.Amy Singleton, Mr.Harry Reapp, Mr.Tunison, Miss Virginia Tallmadge, Mr.Ballard, Mr.Estep, Mrs.Arthur Koontz & Mr.Hal Morr ris gave books.

Mr.Duncan McRa gave books and pamphlets, some quite interesting ones, which will added to the West Va. collection.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
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Report for Dec.1927:

The work of the Library for Dec.1927 was as follows:
The Library was open 26 days & closed all day Dec.26th, legal Christmas holiday.

The Main Library loaned	9253 books	
and the branches	1064	
a total of		10,317 for Dec.

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Report for Jan.1928:

The Library was open 25 days & closed all day New Year's Day.

At the Main Library children borrowed	3606 books	
adults borrowed	7095 "	
a total at the Main Library of	10701	
Crescent	579	
Glenwood	678	
Lincoln	372	
A grand total of		12,330

939 books thus far have been sent to the four schools, Tiskelwah, Elk, Bigley and Watts.

544 books have been added to the Main Library and branches, of these 52 were gifts and 39 were bound magazines, and rebound books.

The books most in demand at present at the Library are:

non-fiction:
"We"
Trader Horn
Bismarck
Napoleon
Mother India
The story of philosophy

fiction:

Caste
Death comes for the archbishop
Red sky at morning
Dusty answer
The bridge of San Luis Rey
Kitty

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 48

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenval

Report for March 1928

The work for the month of March 1928 was as follows:

The Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed 4206 books & adults 7804, a total at the Main of 12,010 — 12,010
Crescent Center Branch loaned — 566
Glenwood loaned — 1442
Lincoln " — 894
Library Extension in 4 graded schools — 4479

Bigley	960
Elk	1118
Watts	447
Tiskelwah	1964

Total 19,391

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 52

Some of the more important books acquired were:
Index to plays
Index to fairy tales
Thoreau's complete works were added to the Main Library
The majority of the books were for the Children's dep't, and Crescent Center Branch.
432 were added to the Main Library, 26 were bound periodicals and 40 were gifts.
151 were sent to Crescent Center Branch & 6 were Library Extension books.

New magazines added to the Main Library were: Elementary School Journal; Judge; Life.

Gifts were rec'd from:
I.H.Johnston
Mr.Surber
Mr.Tunison
Mrs.Palmateer
Galperin Music Co., sent Musical America Magazines
Mr.W.T.Williamson gave several years' file of National Geographic Magazine.
C.H.Sullivan gave many good books
J.M.Gates' Sons gave a glass top for office table.
Mr.Clifford Myers gave the no. of American Mercury to complete vol.7
Mr.Harry Reapp gave a book of pictures for the picture collection.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schachtel
Librn

Report for May 1928

The Library was open in May 1928 27 days, on Decoration Day it was closed from 1to 6 p.m.

At the Main Library children borrowed	2992 books
Adults borrowed	6423
Crescent Center loaned	372
Glenwood School "	1144
Lincoln Branch "	320
Library Extension no report	
Total	11,251

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 48

Since the Board met Apr.5th.1928, 924 books were added, 838 purchased, 52 were gifts and 34 were rebound.

A new set of Charles Dickens was added.
Trevelyan's American Revolution
A new edition of Modern Eloquence 15 vols. were the outstanding books, others were mostly children's books.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
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June 30th, 1928.

Annual Report of Librarian
Charleston Public Library,
Charleston, West Virginia.

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Janitor:

Will Foy

Statistics.

Main Library:

Number of volumes at beginning of year.....			16,805
Number of volumes added during year by purchase		2,731	
Number of volumes added by gift		299	
Number of bound periodicals		95	3,125
Total additions			
Books not returned during the year:			
Adult	187		
Juv.	120	307	
Books worn out during year:			
Adult	435		
Juv.	268	703	
Total withdrawals		1,010	
Number of volumes at end of year			19,930
Less number of volumes withdrawn			1,010
Total number of volumes at end of year			18,920
Books rebound during year			780
Total number of books mended			5,203

Number of volumes loaned:

Adult non-fiction	31,820	
Adult fiction	52,587	84,407
Juvenile-non-fiction	14,747	
Juvenile fiction	31,142	45,889
Total number of volumes loaned at main library		130,296
Number of volumes loaned at schools and branches		21,865
Total number of volumes loaned		152,161

Number of borrowers registered during the year:			
	New	1548	
	Reregistered	1703	3,251
Number of registered borrowers:			
D File, Feb.'25-Apr.'28		9,999	
E File, Apr.'28-June'28		514	10,513
Total number of transients' cards issued during year			34

Branches:

Number of books added by Library Extension in 4 graded schools, Tiskelwah, Elk, Bigley and Watts	960	
Number of books added to Garnett Branch	162	
Number of books added to Crescent Center Branch	201	
Number of books added to Glenwood School	109	
Number of books added to Lincoln Branch	71	
Total number of books added to schools and branches		1,503
Books loaned at schools and branches		21,865

People who have given books, etc. to the Charleston Public Library during the last year, ending June 30th, 1928.

American Tree Association - Pamphlets
Avis, Mrs. Walter - Cut-flowers
Ballard, Mrs. - Books
Brawley, Harry - Books
Brooks, W.B. - Books
Caperton, Mrs. G.H. - Book
Catlett, Mrs. W.D. - Books
Chilton, Mrs. W.E. - Books
Collins, Adelaide - Books
Comfrey, - Books
Daughters of the Confederacy - Book
deGruyter, Mrs. J.A. - Books
Dozier, Thomas, Birmingham, Ala. - Book
Drew, Maurice - Books
Estep, - Books
Galperin Music Co. - Magazines
Gates, J.M. Sons - Glass for table top
Guthrie, Mrs. A.S. - Books
Harris, John T. - Book
Hispanic Society of America - Books, Pamphlets, Plates (Engravings)
Hoy, W.B. - Book
Hume, Edward - Book
Johnston, I. H. - Books
Landers, E.W. - Book
Lightner - Book
McRa, Duncan - Books and Pamphlets
Mathews, W.B. - Books
Moore, W.C.B. - Book
Moore, Wynona - Book
Morris, Hal - Book
Myers, Clifford - Books and Magazines
National Geographic Society - Pamphlets
Nichols, Walter Wood, New York, N.Y. - Book
Pack, Charles L. - Book
Palmateer, Mrs. - Books
Patterson, Bell & Crane Co. - Desk blotters
Paxton, Harold - Book
Preuss, Hans - Road maps
Ramage, Edwin C. Jr. - Book
Reapp, Harry - Books & Pictures
Ross, C.Philip - Book
Rummel, Mrs. H.D. - Books, Magazines, Pictures
Singleton, Mrs. A.C. - Books
Smith, Mrs.Elizabeth - Books
Staehlin, John - Books
Sullivan, C.J. - Books
Surber, W.B.- Books
Tallmadge, Virginia - Books
Trail, Alton - Books
Tunison, John A - Books
Williamson, W.T. - Magazines
Wilson,Frederick - Books

August 1928

The work of the Library for August 1928 was as follows:

The Library was open 27 days.

At the Main Library children borrowed	3135 books
Adults borrowed	6679
A total of	9814
Crescent Center loaned	555
Making a grand total of	10369

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 31

Books added to Library since the last meeting were:

Purchased	509
Gifts	67

336 books were mended	
90 " " recased	
Making a total of	426

The complete works of Edmund Burke have been secured for the Library also the anniversary edition of Thomas Hardy.

Symonds' Renaissance in Italy, 7 vols. & the complete works of Jules Verne, some of which have never appeared in this country before have been added

The other books were mostly miscellaneous, both for the adult & childrens' departments.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichter Sol
Librarian

The Library was open in September twenty-five days.

Chuldren borrowed	1954 books	
Adults borrowed	6320 "	
A total at the Main Library of	8274	
Crescent loaned	241	
Lincoln "	432	
Glenwood	741	
A grand total of		9688

Visitors averaged on Sunday afternoons 42

198 cards were issued to new borrowers in September.

458 books were added in September, 430 were purchased, and twenty-eight were gifts.
124 were sent to Lincoln Branch Library
84 were sent to Glenwood

An English edition of the complete works of Thomas Carlyle were added, 35 volumes of the Rolfe edition of Shakespeare, The writings of James Huneker, and those of Jonathan Swift, comprise the most valuable additions this month.

The children's room was opened Sept.1st., the hours on Saturday are from 10 a,m, to 12 m, & from 2 to 6 p.m.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
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Oct.1928

The report for October 1928 is as follows:

Children borrowed	3256 books	
Adults "	7110 "	
A total at the Main of		10,366
Lincoln lonaed	1062	
Glenwood "	1136	
Crescent Center	406	
A grand total of		12,970

Since the Board met Oct.4th.1928 349 books have been added
280 were purchased
25 were gifts
44 were bound periodicals

The majority of the books this month were for the Children's Dep't. and were re-sewed.

To the Reference Dep't the Standard history of the world 10 vols. was added.

The final of the New dictionary on historical principles" popularl called "The Oxford dictionary" was rec'd.

A fine edition of John Galsworthy's novels & plays were added this month.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Lbn.

Nov.1928

The work of the Library for November 1928 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days & closed all day Thanksgiving Day

At the Main Library

Children borrowed	3863 books	
Adults "	7168	
Total at the Main of		11,031

Crescent loaned	252
Lincoln "	1771
Glenwood "	809

In Tiskelwah, Bigley, Watts & Elk schools 3087

A grand total of 16,950

Visitors in Children's Room on Sunday afternoons averaged 22
" " Adult&s Dep't " " " 43

Total on Sunday afternoons 65

Since Nov.1st.1928 414 books have been added.
376 were purchased
34 were gifts
4 were rebound volumes
89 books were sent to Crescent Center Library, these books are standard fiction, history & biography.

Some of the more important books rec'd were:

Vols.7-9- & 19 of the Pageant of America, pub.by the Yale University Press.

M.P.Shawkey's new history of West Va. in 5 vols.

The Greveill diaru 2 vols.
Digging for lost African gods by De Prorok
Gentlemen unafraid by Willoughby
The great horn spoon by Wright
Beneath tropic seas by Beebe
An Italian journey b Wilstach
Richlieu by Federn
Leonardo the Florentine by Taylor
The second American cabavan
A musician & his wife by De Koven
The Windsor beauties by Melville

Books were given by: Mr.Walter B.Brooks, Miss Margaret Kearse, Mrs.M.K.Mallory, Mrs.Anna Frame, Mr.John A Tunison, Mrs.Patien Murphy,

The St.Albans Advertise is being sent to the Library by an unknown friend

The Charleston D.A.R's are sending the Library "The Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine"

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. M. Lehlbach

Dec.1928

The Library was open 26 days & closed all day Christmas Day.

Children borrowed	2785 books	
Adults "	6405	
A total at the Main Library		9190
Crescent Loaned	235	
Glenwood	703	
Lincoln	1487	
A grand total of		11,615

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtemeier

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Report for Jan.1929

The Library was open 26 days, being closed all day New Year's Day.

At the Main Library children borrowed	3076 books	
" " " " adults "	8133 "	
A total at the Main Library of		11,209
Crescent Center loaned	299	
Glenwood	871	
Lincoln	1057	
A grand total of		13,436

In the Children's Dep't visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 14 (2 hrs)

In the adult dep't the average attendance was 43 (3 hrs)

The average number of persons coming to the Library on Saturday from 9 to 10 a m for six weeks was 6.

Persons giving books in Jan.1929 were:
Ray B.Whitman of N.Y.City
Marguerite Wysong
Mr.Jno.A.Tunison
Through Rev.Mr.Smock, the Young Peoples' Union of the First Baptist Church of New York City, gave books by the Rev.Mr.Haldeman.
Mrs.R.E.McCabe
C.E.Blivens is giving "Aquatic Life" for one year.
From the town of Dundon, W.Va., Poor's 1926 Manuals on Railroads, Public Utilities & Industrials were rec'd.
Mrs.W.E.Chilton gave 51 books
Mr.Fred Scott gave books
United Fruit Co. sent one book.

In the Reference Dep't were added vol.9 Cambridge Ancient History
Photographic history of the Civil War
Who's Who in America, 1928-1929
Impressions of old New Orleans by Genthe
Coal miner's pocket book by Zern.

Frederic Harrison's essays were added to the Circulating Dep't, also
Histories by Froude
New biographies, poetry & books on art.
Best plays of 1927-1928
Browne's Graphic Bible & Beard's Whither mankind, & mnay other interesting books.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Report for Feb.1929

The Library was open 24 days.

At the Main Library children borrowed	2783 books		
Adults borrowed	7706 "		
A total at the Main of		10,489	
Crescent Center Library loaned		256	
Glenwood School		997	
Lincoln Jun.High School		577	
A grand total of			12,31

On Sunday afternoons children visitors averaged 14
" " " adult " " 53

Books were given in February 1929 by Miss Abney, Mrs.W.E.Chilton, Harold Field, Stanley W.Deck, N.Y.City, Mr.Tunison, Vernon G.Morton, Harrison B.Smith Jr., Mrs.W.B.Brooks, & Dr.Stuart McGuire of Richmond Va.

262 books were added by purchase
30 were bound periodicals
105 books were added by gift
a total of 397 books in Feb.1929

Of the books purchased 136 were for the Children's Department.

Many important technical books have been added to the Library recently.
Other important books are Ruskin's complete works, Joel Chandler Harris' books; books on painting, sculpture, batiks, etc.

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
Lbn

March 1929

The work of the Library for March 1929 was as follows:

The Library was open 22 full days & the adult dep't was closed four days on account of having no heat. In the children's room and in the work room, work went on as usual; four electric heaters were installed and one gas heater was connected in the mending room Books were taken in on that side all day to 6 p.m.

Children borrowed	3099 books		
Adults "	7199 "		
A total at the Main of		10,298	
Crescent Library loaned		230	
Glenwood "		472	
Lincoln "		953	
A grand total of		11,953	11,

Visitors Sunday afternoons in the Children's Dep't averaged 9 (2hrs
" " " " " Adult " " 35

Books were given in March 1929 by
Raymond Hanley
Mr.A.T.Trail
Mrs.W.E.Chilton
J.E.Estep
Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 151 gave "The South in American Life & History"
One large lot of books were given, donor not known.

Many books were added in March
Froude's history of England 12 vols & Lecky's History of England 7 vols.
The Franklin edition of the Chronicles of America, 26 vols.
two vols. in one.
The Roadmaker series of biographies 15 vols.
Books on flower culture
Books on psychology
Among the important books added to the reference dep't were:
Waddell's Bridge Engineering 2 vols.
Abraham Lincoln's complete writings, Nicolay & Hay eds.
Tapestries of the Lowlands by Gobel
Old glass and how to collect it by Lewis
Illustrated history of furniture by Litchfield
The American Year book for 1928, and many others.

(Mrs) B. M. Schachtendal
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April 1929

The work of the Library for April 1929 was as follows:

The Library was open 26 days.

At the Main Library children borrowed	3322 books	
Adults "	7459	
A total at the Main Library of	10781	
Lincoln loaned	892	
Glenwood "	1185	
Crescent Library loaned	352	
A grand total of		13,210

In the Children's Dep't visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 8
" " Adult " " " " " " 32

In April 272 books were added to the Main Library, 194 purchased. 68 were gifts & 10 were bound periodicals. The majority of the books this month were for the Children's Dep

Biography continues to be a popular form of literature & those added in April were:
A life of Cardinal Mercier by Laveille
The Lord's Horseman (John Wesley) by Lee
The Exquisite Tragedy (John Ruskin) by Williams-Ellis
Pierre Curie by Marie Curie
Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria by Redlich
Rabelais by Anatole France

42 classes from the 4th & 5th grades from Union, Mercer, Kanawha & Capitol Grades visited the Library & received instruction on how to find books inaa public Library, how to make intelligent use of the children's catalogue, how to use a dictionary, encyclopedia and many other useful things, which will stand them in good stead when they get into Junior & Senior High Schools, or when they visit other libraries.

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
Librn

May 1929

The library was open in May 1929, 27 days; but on Decoration Day it was closed from 1 to 6 p.m.

Children borrowed 3488 books
Adults " 7308

A total at the Main Library of	10,796	
Crescent Center Library loaned	242	
No reports from Glenwood & Lincoln		
Grand total		11,038

Children who visited their department on Sunday afternoons in May averaged 6.

Visitors in the adult department on Sunday afternoons averaged 32

5 pictures were loaned.

442 books were mended, 144 were sewed & re-cased & 298 were "simply" mended.

205 books were purchased in May & 25 were gifts.

The Reference Shelf, debating material, vols.1-2-3-4- were secured for the reference dep't. Vols.1 & 2 were however incomplete, some numbers being out-of-print.
Huxley's books were received, Ernest Thompson Seton's, Mark Twain's, Tarkington's, Hugh Walpole's, vol.2 of the Dictionary of American biography was received.
Moody's manuals on Banks & insurance, & Government & Municipals for 1929 were rec'd.
Other important books were:
Robinson's Cavender House
Kimball's American Architecture
Dickinson's Further poems of Emily Dickinson
Bradford's As God made them
Hawkett's Henry the 8th.
Stryker's Andrew Johnson
Smith's North America
Lippmann's A preface to morals

Many of the books this month were replacements in the fiction dep't.

(Mrs) E. von Schlichtendal

June 1929

The Library was open in June 1929 25 days

Children borrowed	2420 books	
of which	2040 were fiction	
and	380 were non-fiction	
Adults borrowed	6901	
Fiction	5725	
Non-fiction	1176	
Crescent Center Library loaned	358	
Making a grand total of		9,679

The children's department was open only Sunday afternoon in June.

Visitors on Sunday afternoon in the adult department averaged 24

176 books were added in June by purchase, 44 were gifts & 3 were rebound books

The 1929 edition of the Envyclopedia Americana was acquired in June

The 1929 edition of Moody's Industrials was another valuable addition

The dictionary of foreign phrases and classical quotations was added to the reference section; other books were for the adult circulating department and consisted of new fiction, travel books, biographies, etc. Lacoste & Helen Wills on tennis, Helen Koues on decorating the house, Everybody's aviation guide, Letters of the Empress Frederick, Mary Ann Disraeli are a few of the interesting new titles.

Vol.5 of the West Virginia Review has been received from the binder, this volume was indexed by Mrs.Edwin Bowen, making the volume a more valuable reference tool; vol.1 was indexed by Miss Susan Porter, vol.3 by Miss Adelaide Collins and vol.4 by Miss Elizabeth Quarrier, vol.2 was indexed by the publisher.

Books were given to the Library in June by: Mrs.W.E.Chilton,Miss Mary Leighton of Boston Mass.,Mrs.Bourke Cockran of New York City, Mr.Harrison B.Smith gave 52 vols. of the Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science.

In June, July & August the Library hours were slightly changed, The Children's Dep't 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays 9 a,m, to 3:30 p.m.

The adult dep't 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Mrs) B. M. Schlachtendal

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Annual Report of Librarian
Charleston Public Library
Charleston, West Virginia.
July 1928-June 1929

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Library Staff:

Mrs.B.von Schlechtendal	Librarian
Elizabeth Quarrier	Assistant Librarian
Adelaide Collins	" "
Mrs.Edwin Bowen	" "
Helen Mosser	Part Time Assistant
Gertrude Kennedy	" " "
Mrs.Estelle Smith	" " "
Susan Porter	Children's Librarian
Robert Norcross	Page
Frank Simmons	"

Janitor:

Will Foy

Statistics:

Name of Library - Charleston Public Library
City - Charleston, West Virginia
Date of Founding - 1909
Population served -
Assessed valuation of City
Assessed valuation is percent of true cash value
Rate of tax levy for Library purposes -
Number of days closed all day during year 4
Number of days closed part day during year 3
Library open Sunday afternoons 2 to 5 o'clock p.m. for reading and reference
Number of hours open each week 69 & since Dec.6th. 70 hrs.
(one additional hour on Saturdays)

Main Library:

Number of volumes at beginning of year----------		18,920
Number of volumes added during year by purchase	3,033	
Number of volumes added by gift	430	
Number of bound periodicals	160	
Total additions		3,623
Books not returned during the year	408	
Books worn out during the year	292	
Total withdrawals	700	
Number of volumes at end of year		22,543
Less number of volumes withdrawn		700
Total number of volumes at end of year		21,843
Books rebound during year		630
Total number of books mended		6,192

Main Library

Number of volumes loaned:

Adult non-fiction	16,578	
Adult fiction	68,031	
Total adult		84,609
Juvenile non-fiction	9,345	
Juvenile fiction	26,882	
Total Juvenile		36,227
Total no. of volumes loaned at Main Library		120,836
No. of books loaned at schools & branches		27,642
Total no. of volumes loaned		148,478

Number of borrowers registered during the year

New	2,720	
Re-registered	1,558	
		4,278
" " " 9999 less 1558		8,441
Total number of borrowers		11,161
Total number of transient's cards issued during the year		29

Branches:

Number of books added by Library Extension in schools	00
Number of books added to Crescent Center Library	196
Number of books added to Glenwood School	95
Number of books added to Lincoln Branch Library	124
Total number of books add d to schools & branches	415
Books loaned at schools & branches	27,642

The following people gave books, etc. to Charleston Public Library

Miss Katie Belle Abney	Books
Mrs.C;oda Bailey	Books
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.	History of B.& O. R.R.
Mr.C.E.Bliven	Aquatic Life for 1 yr.
Mrs.Montague Blundon	Books
Mrs.Edwin Bowen	Flowers
Mr.& Mrs.W.B.Brooks	Books
Charity Organization Society, Buffalo, N.Y.	Book
Mrs.Bourke Cockran, N.Y.	The Life of Bourke Cockran
Miss Adelaide Collins	Flowers
Mrs.Anna Blaine Connell	Flowers
Mr.Wm.W.Cook, N.Y.	Book
Mrs.Josie Dayton, Marengo, Ill.	Book
Daughters of the Confederacy,Chapter 151	Book
Mr.Stanley W.Deck	Book
Doherty & Co. Wall St. N.Y.	Books
Mr.J.Edward Estep	Book
Miss Elizabeth Evans	Book
Executors of the Estate of Sarah Siervers Cinninnati, Ohio	Book
Mr.Harold Field	Books
Mrs.Anna Frame	Books
Dundon, West Va. Source unknown	Books
Mr.J.Raymond Hanley	Books
Mrs.Ione Haynes	Book
Kanawha Valley Chapter D.A.R.	Magazine
Miss Margaret Kearse	Books
Mrs.Joe Kenna	Books
Mr.L.F.Kinsey	Books
Miss Dollie Leggett	Books
Miss Mary Leighton, Boston, Mass	Book
Mrs.R.L.McCabe	Books
Dr.Stuart McGuire, Richmond, Va.	Book
Magazine for the Blind,"Church Herald" Source unknown	
Mrs.M.K.Malloy	Books
Mr.W.B.Mathews	Book
Mr.Vernon G.Morton	Book
Mrs.Patience Murphy	Book
Mrs.Burton Nichols, Asheville, N.C.	Book
Judge John Barton Payne,Washington, D.C.	Book
Miss Susan Porter	Flowers
Miss Pearl Reddington	Book
Royal Hungarian Consulate, Cleveland, O	Book
Mrs.H.D.Rummel	Books
St.Albans Advertiser - Source Unknown	
Mr.Fred Scott	Books
Mrs.W.D.Sell	Flowers
Mrs.Margaret Sirms	Books
Mr.Harrison B.Smith	Books
Mr.Harrison B.Smith Jr.	Books
Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy	Flowers
Mrs.Edward Spradling	Book
Miss Sue Staunton	Books
Mr.A.T.Trail	Books
Mr.John Tunison	Books
Miss Carol Tyler	Book
United Fruit Co. N.Y.	Book

West Va. Dep't of Agriculture	Pamphlets
Mr.Ray B.Whitman, N.Y.	Book
Mr.Franklin Wiley	Book
Mrs.Walter Wood	Books
Micajah Wren	Book
Miss Marguerite Wysong	Book
Young Peoples' Union First Baptist Church New York City, Through Rev.Mr.Smock	Books
One lot of books left at the Dep't of Archives & History for the Public Library Source unknown	

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Librarian

Statistics for July, August & September 1929

In July 1929	9,448	books were loaned at the Main Library
	323	" " " " Crescent Branch
A total of	9,771	

In August 1929	9,999	books were loaned at the Main Library
	344	" " " " Crescent Branch
A total of	10,343	

In Sept.1929	9,405	books were loaned at the Main Library
	486	" " " " Crescent Branch
A total of	9,891	

(Mrs) B. M. Rehbehtendal
Lib

Report for Oct.1929

The Library was open 27 days and ~~on~~ three hours every Sunday afternoon for reading and reference.

Children borrowed	2943	books
and adults "	8226	"

A total of 11,169 at the Main L
Library
Crescent Library loaned 666

Making a grand total of 11,835 loaned
in October.

The picture collection now numbers about 1500 items; but so far it has not been advertised at all. It has not cost the Library a cent for the pictures, but the 8½ x 11 inch mounts were bought, as were some large envelopes to hold the pictures when borrowed.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 44

Some of the more important books added in October, include 3 vols. of the "Pageants of America" a pictorial history of the U.S., which is in the Reference Dep't. Also in the Referen ence Dep't may be found Singleton's Book of Dolls; Herbert Furst's The Modern Woodcut & a book of the French engeavers of the 18th.century, altogether there were added by purchase 154 books, 47 gifts & six were b ound magazines

A fortunate purchase of books was made, of those in general dema mand, such as those of Mark Twain, Tarkington, Curwood, Rex Beach, J.W.Riley, & Reeve; also at great reduction, the book committee bought such books as Singleton's "Dolls", "The modern woodcut", Mystery cities by Gann, Illustrated Africa by W D. Boyce, at about half of the publishers price.

The hours of the Library in the adult dep't are:
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except on Saturdays
On Saturdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays for reading

The Children's Dep't is open from 2 p.m. to 6p.m.
on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 M & 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
It is not open on Sundays

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Lbn

Report for November 1929

In November 1929, the Library was open 24 days, it was closed all day Armistice & Thanksgiving Days.

Children borrowed	3116 books	
Adults "	8316	
A total at the Main Library of		11,432
or 476 books a day		
Crescent Library loaned		657
Making a grand total of		12,089

108 books were added to the Library in November 1929.
21 purchased, 56 were gifts & 31 were bound periodicals.

Among important books received were:
Burke's genealogical & heraldic history of the landed gentry 1925, better known as Burke's peerage.

Mrs Hugh Nicholson gave the Library files of the magazines "Antiques", and "The Antiquarian", some of which were incomplete, several vols. we were able to complete & these are now bound, and may be used for reference.

The chemical magazines bound and shelved are:
Chemical abstracts
Journal of the American Chemical Society and
Industrial & Engineering Chemistry

The Woman's Bible class of the Baptist Temple sent the Library a copy of "The story of the Temple" compiled by Dr.Clarence W Kemper.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtedal
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Report for Dec.1929

The work of the Library for Dec.1929 was as follows:

The Library was open 25 days, and was closed all day Xmas Day.

Children borrowed	2287	books	
and adults "	7625	"	
a total at the Main Library of			9912
Crescent Center Library loaned			397
Making a grand total of			10,309

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 53

20 pictures were loaned; this collection has not been advertised as it was considered so small and inadequate, but from the fact that 20 puctures were loaned this month, proves that it can be made a valuable addition to the Library

245 books were added in Dec.1929
222 were purchased
4 " gifts
13 " bound periodicals
6 " rebound books

Three new periodicals have been subscribed for
Time
Foreign Affairs and
International Studio

Books were given in Dec.1929 by:
Francis Roller
Union of South Africa,11 Broadway, N.Y. gave Harrison's Year Book of South Africa
The Year Book of the N.Y.stock exchange 1928-29 was ent by the committee on Publicity.

The West Va. Encyclopedia was one of the important books rec'd in Devcember, also Kohler's History of costume
Smith & Hall's English-Latin dictionary

A great variety of books were added, including some technical books, new fiction, & biographies.

Books on musical subjects have been received & will be made ready for the shelves as soon as possible.

(Mrs) B. m Schlechtendal

Report for Jan.1930

The work of the Library for Jan.1930 was as follows:

The Library was open 26 days & closed all day New Year's Day.

Children borrowed	2642 books	
Adults "	9179	
A total at the Main Library of		11,821
Crescent Library loaned		525
Making a grand total of		12,346

In the adult Dept. 7120 books were fiction & 2059 non-fiction
16 pictures were loaned.

Visitors o Sunday afternoons averaged 48

Some of the recent reference books and so-called Library tools are:
A.L.A. portrait index
Index to illustrations
Index to illustrators
Supplement to Granger's Index to poetry & recitations
Holydays & holidays
The bookman's manual

Some of the recent bipgraphies are:
Franklin, the apostle of modern times by Fay
Queen Elizabeth by Anthony
Daniel Webster by Benson
A daughter of the Medicis by Mariejol
Foch by Recouly
John Brown, the making of a martyr by Warren
Marse Robert by Young
Richelieu by Belloc
Marie Antoinette by Belloc
Life's ebb & flow, autobiography of Frances, countess of Warwick

The complete works of Gilbert Parker were added in Jan.

The supplement in 2 vols. of the New International encyclopedia was received.

The most popular books at the Library were:

Fiction:	Non-Fiction:
All quiet on the western front	Art of thinking
Whiteoaks of Jalna	Life of the Prince of Wales
Cradle of the deep	Henry 8th.
Sincerity by Erskine	Lion
Galaxy by Ertz	New worlds to conquer
Queen Cleopatra by Mundy	Pageant of the packets
	The tragic era

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal

Report for March 1930

The Library was open in March 1930 26 days & on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 for reading & reference.

Children borrowed 2937 books
Adults " 10045

A total at the Main Library of	12,982	
Crescent Library loaned	657	
Making a grand total of		13,639

At the Main Library, the non-fiction books, those classed as literature , which include poetry, essays, drama etc. took the lead but a close second were the biographies, viz. 506 literature and 438 biographies a difference of 68 only.

68 pictures were loaned, mostly to teachers.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 58.

529 vols. were added in March: 480 purchased, 15 were gifts, and 34 bound periodicals & rebound books. Of the purchased volumes, 208 were for the Children's Department. Many interesting books have been received, especially travel books, biographies and of course fiction.
Important reference books are:
the 14th.edition of the encyclopedia Britannica
A book on Alabama, sent to the Library by the Ala. Industrial & Development Board of Birmingham, Ala.
The diaries of George Washington 4 vols.
The story of money by Norman Angell
Byzantine & Romanesque architecture 2 vols. by Thos. G Jackson
Uniforms of the world by Blakeslee
American Year Book for 1929
Who's Who (English) for 1930
American art annual for 1929

Some of the biographies are:
The fabulous Forrest by Moses
Hawthorne by Arnim
The Wright brothers by McMahon
Joan of Arc by Delteel
Franklin by Steele
Livingston by R.J.Campbell
Dr.Johnson & Mr.Boswell by Salpeter
Audacious Audubon by Muschamp
Alas Queen Anne by Brown
Grandmother Brown's hundred years by Brown
The Bronte sisters by Dimnet

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal

Report for April 1930

The Library was open 26 days in April

Children borrowed	2786 books	
Adults borrowed	8590	11,376
Crescent Center Library loaned	594	
Making a grand total of		11,970

Visitors on Sundays afternoons averaged 51.

The Library has received two new Moody's manuals for 1930, Government securities, and Banks & Finance, the Moody service now includes weekly stock letters & manual supplements.

The new magazines subscribed for are:
American Lawn Tennis
International Studio
Foreign Affairs

Some of the inportant books include the Loeb classics, an edition giving the Greek and Latin text along with the English translation There are now listed, Euripides, Florus, Ovid, Lucretius, Aristotle Plato, Thucydides, Sophocles, Terence, Aeschylus, Herodotus, Aristophanes & Arrian. Vol.2 of Mythology of All Races has been received, this was placed in the Reference Room.
Other outstanding books are:
Munthe's The story of San Michele
Maurois' Byron
Quiller-Couch's Studies in Literature
Newman's Seeing England & Scotland
Walpole's new novel Rogue Herries and much new fiction and some replacements. The majority of the books this month were for Crescent Library and for the Children's Department.

The following people gave books to the Library in April:
Mrs.Frank Rodes - Mr.Arnold Barnes - Curtis Pub. Co of Philadelphia - Mr.J.A.deGruyter - Miss Marie Lane - Mr.Ramage -Miss Anna Taylor

gave many beautiful pictures for the picture collection and some art books, which will be bound.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenthal

Lbn

Report for May 1930

In May 1930 the Library was open 26 days and every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5.

On Memorial Day the Library was closed.

Children borrowed	2634	books
Adults "	8168	

A total at the Main Library of	10,802	
Crescent Library loaned	673	
Making a grand total of		11,475

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 55

163 books were purchased
117 were gifts
7 bound periodicals were added in May 1930

Some interesting travel books were among the purchases, such as:

"Down the Tiber & up to Rome" by Eberlein & others
"The roaring veldt" by Cron
"Sitka, portal to romance" by Willoughby
"They climbed the Alps" by Muller
"In search of Scotland" by Morton
"A Scandinavian summer" by Franck

Mrs.W.E.Chilton gave many useful & interesting books this month, among them a book on Charleston, S.C.
Mr.Ro- Bird Cook gave his book "Washington's western lands"

Others giving books were Miss Anna Taylor
Mr.E.H.H.Simmons of the N.Y.Stock Exchange
Mr.Arnold Barnes
Mr.G.C.Rowell
Miss Anderson
Mr.Ingram
Galperin Music Store gave musical magazines.

(Mrs) B. m Schlichtendal
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Annual report of Librarian
Charleston Public Library
Charleston, West Virginia.
July 1929-June 1930

Board of Directors:

Mr.George S.Laidley,	President
Miss Sue Staunton	
Mrs.H.D.Rummel	
Mr.W.B.Mathews	
Mr.W.E.Connell	
Mr.Malcolm Jackson	
Mrs.Max Frankenberger	
Mr.Clifford Myers	
Mrs.W?E.Clark	
Mr.John V.Ray	
Mr.F.L.Teal	

Library Staff:

Mrs.B.von Schlechtendal	Librarian
Miss Elizabeth Quarrier	Assistant Librarian
Miss Adelaide Collins	" "
Mrs.Edwin Bowen	" "
Miss Helen Mosser	Part time assistant
Miss Gertrude Kennedy	" " "
Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy	" " "
Miss Susan Porter	Children's Librarian
John Franklin Hurt	Page
Frank Simmons	"

Janitor:

Will Foy

Statistics:

Name of Library - Charleston Public Library
City - Charleston, West Virginia
Date of founding - 1909
Population served
Assessed valuation of City
Assessed valuation is percent of true cash value
Rate of tax levy for Library purposes
Number of days closed during year - 7
Library open Sunday afternoons 2 to 5 o'clock p.m. for reading and reference.
Number of hours open each week-70 hours

Main Library:

Number of volumes at beginning of year----------		21,843	
Number of volumes added during year by purchase	2311		
Number of volumes added by gift	440		
Number of bound periodicals	141		
Total additions at the Main Library		3,072	
Volumes added to Crescent Library		174	3,246
Books not returned during the year	377		
Books worn out during the year	386		
Total withdrawals	763		
Number of volumes at end of year		24,915	
Less number of volumes withdrawn		763	
		24,152	
Books rebound during year		1,459	
Total number of books mended		4,332	

Statistics Cont'd:

Main Library:

Number of volumes loaned:

Adult non-fiction	21,555		
Adult fiction	95,907		
Total adult		117,462	
Juvenile non-fiction	4,873		
Juvenile fiction	25,778		
Total Juvenile		30,651	
Books loaned at Crescent			
Total at Main Library			148.113
Number of books loaned at Crescent Library			6.904
Total number loaned			155,017

Number of borrowers at end of year 1928-1929	11,161	
Number of new borrowers registered during year	2,588	
Total number of borrowers		13,749
Less " " " withdrawn by death & Removal		66
Number of borrowers re-registered during year	2,207	
Total nu,ber of transients' cards issued during year		44
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged		42

Number of new books added to Crescent Library	174
Total nu,ber of books loaned at Crescent Library	6,904

The following people gave books, etc. to Charleston Public Library:

W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture	Pamphlets
Dr.Mario Orsini Ratto	Book in Italian language
Mr.& Mrs.Riggs	Books
Hispanic Society of America	Books
John Suter	Books
Mrs.V.Eggleton	Lotus flowers
Mrs.Hugh Nicholson	Books, Magazines,Pamphle
Southern Society of N.Y.City	Book
Mr.R.E.McCabe	Book
Mrs.John Carver	Books
Mr.Arnold Barnes	Books
Mrs.Geo.Wm.Peterkin	Book (Life of Bishop Pet
Mrs.Walter Avis	Cut flowers
Public Utilities Advertising Assn.	1928 Portfolio
Carolyn Hopkins	Books
Mrs.W.E.Chilton	Books
Woman's Bible Class of Baptist Temple	"The story of the Temple
Mr.Sandrus	Books
Mr.Francis Roller	Book
Union of South Africa	Year Book of S.Africa
Com. of Publicity N.Y.Stock Exchange	Year Book'28-'29
Mr.R.H.Martin	Books
Miss Carolyn Buchanan	Books
Mrs.Velie	Book
Mr.J.A.deGruyter	Books
Roumanian Consulate,Cleveland,O.	Paper
Mr.John Tunison	Book
Mr.Henry C.Eckhart	Books
Mrs.John Jay of Holland	Book
Miss Lottie Anderson	Book
Mr.W.B.Hoy	Book
Mr.Clifford Myers	Book
United Fruit Co.	Book
Dept. of Missions of Nat.Council of the Episcopal Church	Book in Braille
Mrs.C.M.High	Books
Mrs.Montague Blundon	Books
Alabama Industrial Development Bd.	Book on Alabama
Mrs.Frank Rodes	Books
Miss Marie Lane	Book
Curtis Pub.Co.	Book on Aviation
Miss Anna Taylor	Books, Pictures,Postcard
Mr.Ramage	Book
Mr.E.H.H.Simmons	Book
Mr.G.C.Rowell	Book
Miss Anderson	Book
Mr.Ingram	Book
Galperin Music Shop	Musical Magazines
Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy	Flowers
Miss Jennie M.Robinson, Toledo, O.	Book
Source unknown	Two books
Mr.M.H.F.Kinsey	Books

(Mrs) B. m Schlichtendal
Librarian

The Library was open 27 days in Oct.1930.

Children borrowed	2921 books		
Adults " "	9382		
A total at the Main Library of		12,303	
Crescent Library loaned		451	
A grand total of			12,754

23 pictures were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 56

In Oct.260 books were added by purchase, 29 were gifts & 5 were rebound volumes.

Of the 260 purchased, 69 were for the Children's Dep't.

Books were given by:
Mr.Edwin Ramage
Hispanic Soc. of America
Elisha Adkins
Mrs.Wm.F.Hampke
Rev. J.B.Morton
E.B.Sandrus
R.H.Martin
The Architectural Forum gave a book written by W.Franklyn Paris
Mrs.Margaret Underwood gave "The world's gteatest literature, 61 vols. also 14 vols. of history.
Some books that once formed the Library of Miss Sherred Adams' private school, Sherred Hall, were sent to the Library.
Thos. W.Norton. bequeathed his library, consisting of more than 100 books to Crescent Center Library.
The Bureau of Social Hygiene of the State Dep't of Health, gave a shelf of books

In October 1930 The Library registered 341 new members.

The most popular non-fiction books were:
The strange death of Pres. Harding
Henry the 8th.
The story of Sam Michele
The Adams family

Of the fiction the following were most in demand:
Angel pavement
The king's minion
Seed
Years of grace

(Mrs) B. m Schlichtendal
Ln

November 1930

The Library was open 23 week days & 3 hrs. each Sunday afternoon in November 1930.

It was closed Armistice Day & Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed	3045 books		
Adults "	9667 "		
A total at the Main Library of		12,712	
Crescent Library loaned		524	
A grand total of			13,236
In November of 1929 the Main loaned	11,432		
and Crescent Library "	657		
A total of			12,089
A difference of			1,147

41 pictures were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 56

212 books were added in November by purchase
7 were gifts
11 were bound periodicals

Interesting books added were:
The mound builders
The new world architecture
Mysterious Sahara by Count de Prorok
Letters of Henry Adams
Since then by Sir Philip Gibbs
Vols. 7 & 8 of the Smithsonian Scientific Series

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

January 1931

The Library was open in January 1931 26 days & closed all day New Year's Day

Children borrowed	2,828 books	
Adults "	11,742 "	
A total at the Main Library of		14,570
Crescent Library loaned		555
A grand total of		15,125

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 71

Among important books rec'd are:
Vol.3 Encyclopedia of the social sciences
Works of Goethe & Schiller & Dante, Josephus
Good editions of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte
Vol.8 Cambridge ancient history

The majority of books rec'd in Jan. were for Crescent Library & for the graded schools

Among the more popular books at the Library are:

The story of Sam Michele	Cakes & ale
Memories and vagaries	Imperial palace
Little America	Limestone tree
Andree's story	Angel pavement

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
Lib

Report for Feb.1931

The Library was open 24 days in Feb.1931 & 3 hours each Sunday afternoon.

Children borrowed	2749	books
Adults "	10,822	"

A total at the Main Library of	13,571	or 555 a day.
Crescent Library loaned	567	
A grand total of	14,138	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 63

Important books added to the Reference Dep't were:
Vol.6 of the Dictionary of American biography
Science of life 2 vols.
The world in the air 2 vols.

Books were given in Feb.1931 by:
Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.
The U.S.Playing Card Co. of Cincinnati, O. gave "The history of playing cards and gaming"
The book-of-the-month presented a book and Mrs.G.H.Caperton gave a book this month.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Ln

Report for March 1931

The Library was open 26 days in March 1931.

Children borrowed	3,188	books
Adults "	11,675	
A total at the Main Library of or 570 a day		14,863
Crescent Library loaned		735
Making a grand total		15,598
26 pictures were loaned		
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged		82

162 books were added in March
126 were bought
31 were gifts
5 " rebound books

Important books rec'd were:

Vol.3 of Mark Sullivan's "Our Times"

Vol.3 of the Cambridge Ancient History volume of plates

J.T.Howard's "Our American Music"; Henry Sydnor Harrison's "The Good Hope"; Philip Gibbs' "The Winding Lane" & Bauer's "Cases on Business Law"

(Mrs.) B. von Schlechtendal
Librarian

April 1931

The Library was open 26 days in April.

Children borrowed	2927	books
Adults "	9886	

A total at the Main Library of	12,813
Crescent Library loaned	697
Making a grand total of	13,510

20 pictures of the Library picture collection , were loaned in April.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 46.

The most popular books at the Library in April were:

Non-fiction:
The education of a princess
Little America
Story of San Michele
Strange death of Pres. Harding
Humanity uprooted
Savage Messiah
Marks of an educated man
The road to culture

Fiction:
Backstreet
Cakes & ale
Dracula
Grand Hotel
The love of Julia Borel

157 books were added, of which 68 were gifts.

Books were given in April by Mrs.W.G.Carson, & Miss Edith K. Phillips and Mr.Clifford R.Myers

Beautiful cut flowers were given by Miss Elizabeth Quarrier and Mrs.Mary C.Smithy.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlechtendal
Librarian

Report for May 1931

The Library was open 25 days in May, and closed all day Memorial Day May 30th.

Children borrowed	2,364 books	
Adults "	8,750 "	
A total at the Main Library of		11,114 or 444 per day
Crescent Library loaned		462
Making a grand total of		11,576

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 53

195 volumes were added in May 1931, 70 were purchased, 98 were gifts and 27 bound magazines; the books included about 35 one-act plays, 9 books on library science, 2 vols. of Moody's 1931 Investment Service have been received: "Government Securities" & "Banks, Insurance Companies etc."

Books were given in May 1931 by:
Miss Benedict of Basle, Switzerland; Colgate-Palmolive Co. booklets on their industry
State Dep't of Health pamphlets
Wm.D.Ball 1 yrs. subscription to "Writers' markets & methods"
Editorial staff of the Charlestonian presented the 1931 Charlestonian.
Mrs.Robt. McCabe books.
Miss Cora Hopkins travel post cards for the picture collection
Beautiful cut flowers were given by:
Mrs.W.A.Porter
Miss Helen Mosser
Miss Elizabeth Quarrier &
Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtenmeier
Librarian

Report for June 1931

The Library was open 26 days in June 1931.

The hours which obtain for the summer months are:
Adult Dep't from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 9.a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock for reading and reference.

Children's Dep't:
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.each week day, closed on Sundays.

In June 1931 children borrowed	2,598 books		
adults borrowed	8,985		
A total at the Main Library of		11,583	
Crescent Library loaned		635	
A grand total for June of			12,218

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 39

Books were given in June by Carl A Trace; Arthur O.Dillon of Ontario, Calif; Mr.Patteson gave pamphlets from the General Electric Co.;Mrs.Lynn Richardson gave "Personal Recollections of 50 years" by Wm.A.MacCorkle; Icie Harrison gave books & Evelyn M.Watson of Boston, Mass sent a volume of her own poems.

Beautiful cut flowers were given by Mrs.W.A.Porter; Miss Elizabeth Quarrier and Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal

Librarian

Annual report of Librarian
Charleston Public Library
Charleston, West Virginia.
July 1930-June 1931.

Board of Directors:

Mr.George S.Laidley,	President
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Miss Anna Taylor	

Library Staff:

Mrs. B.von Schlechtendal,	Librarian
Miss Elizabeth Quarrier,	Assistant Librarian
Miss Adelaide Collins	" "
Miss Helen Mosser,	" "
Miss Gertrude Kennedy,	" "
Mrs.Mary Cargill Smithy,	Part time Assistant
Miss Susan Porter,	Children's Librarian
Frank Simmons,	Page

Janitor:

Will Foy

Statistics

Name of Library - Charleston Public Library
City - Charleston, West Va.
Date of founding - 1909
Population served 60,000
Assessed valuation of City $98,500,000
Assessed valuation is 40%percent of true cash value
Rate of tax levy for Library purposes 3¢
Number of days closed during year - 7
Library opened Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 for reading and reference
Number of hours open each week 70 hours

Main Library and Crescent Library:

Number of volumes at beginning of year.....		24,152
Number of volumes added by purchase	2,033	
Number of volumes added by gift	412	
Number of bound periodicals	85	
Volumes added to Crescent Library	226	
Volumes supplied graded schools	309	
Total number of volumes		27,217
Books not returned during year	411	
Books worn out	552	
Total withdrawals	963	
Number of volumes at end of year		26,254
Books rebound during year	650	
Books re-cased 474		
Books mended 2,489		
Total number of books mended	2,963	
Number of titles added to books by electric stylus 2,173		
Number of pictures in picture collection, mounted on 8½" by 11½" cards	1,655	

Statistics cont'd

Main Library and Crescent Library:

Number of volumes loaned:

Adult non-fiction	26,798	
Adult fiction	90,070	
Total adult		116,868
Juvenile non-fiction	6,031	
Juvenile fiction	25,237	
Total Juvenile		31,268
Total at Main Library		148,136
Number of volumes loaned at Crescent Library		7,106
Total number loaned		155,242

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Number of borrowers at Main Library at the end of year 1929-1930	13,683	
Number of new borrowers registered during year	5,192	
Total		18,875
Number of borrowers withdrawn by death and removal		53
Total number of borrowers		18,822
Number of borrowers re-registered	2,143	
Number of transients' cards issued	38	
Visitors on Sunday afternoons totaled	2,657	
or 51 per Sunday		

The following people gave books, etc. to

Charleston Public Library.

California Real Estate Assn of Los Angeles		Books
State Bureau of Information of Rhode Island		Book
Mrs Manuel Johnson		Books
David Howard		Magazine
Arnold Barnes		Books
Miss Callahan		Books
Ruth Rowell		Books
Dupont Ammonia Co.		Magazines
Bernard Miller		Pictures
H. Buether, Cincinnat,O.		Book
Mrs C. P. Trask		Magazine
John Suter		Book
Mrs M.P.Shawkey		Books
Mrs S. J. Ashton, Chicago		Book
Robt Fitz Simmons		Flowers
Mrs Mary Cargill Smithy		Flowers
Edwin Ramage		Books
Hispanic Society of America		Pamphlet
Elisha Adkins		Books
Books bequeathed to Crescent Library by Thos.W.Norton		
Bureau of Social Hygiene, State Dep't of Health		Books
Mrs Wm F. Hampe		Books
Rev. J.B.Morton		Books
E.B.Sandrus		Books
R.H. Martin		Books
Books used at Sherred Hall		
W. Francklyn Paris		Book
Mrs Margaret Underwood "World's Greatest Literature	61	Volumes
Richard Whitney, Pres. N.Y.Stock Exchange		Book
Winckler Bindery, Cincinnati,O.		Calendar
S. Spencer Moore	Desk	Calendar
Mrs C.A.Keller		Books
Baker & Taylor		Calendar
Miss Mary E. Kennedy		Book
Mrs Ernest Merrill		Books
Mrs Vierheller		Books
Mrs Minsker		Books
Travelers' Ins. Co., Hartford, Conn.		Book
Angus MacDonald		Book
U.S. Playing Card Co., Cincinnati, O. "History of Playing Cards & a Bibliography of Cards & Gaming"		
Book-of-the Month Club		Book
Mrs G.H.Caperton		Books
Dottridge Lanham		Books
Mrs.Oscar Underwood of New York		Book
Mrs Wm Carson Books in the Spanish language		
Miss Edith K. Philips		Book

Clifford Myers	Pamphlets & Books
Miss Helen Mosser	Flowers
Miss Clare Benedict of Basle, Switzerland	Books
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. Booklets on their industry	
Wm David Ball of Hollywood, Cal.	Magazine
Arthur W. Page, Pres. Bell Telephone	Book
Editorial Staff of "Charlestonian", "Charlestonian 1931"	
Mrs Robert McCabe	Books
Miss Cora Hopkins Travel Postcards for Picture Collection	
Carl A. Trace	Book
Arthur O. Dillon, of Ontario, Cal.	Book
Mrs. W. A. Porter	Flowers
Mr. Patteson Pamphlets from Gen'l Electric Co.	
Mrs. Lynn Richardson	Book
Miss Icie Harrison	Books
Miss Evelyn Watson, of Boston, Mass.	Book
Mrs Wm Davis	Books

The following "House Organs", magazines, papers, etc. are received by the Library:

Alpha Aids, pub. by Alpha Portland Cement Co.
Antioch Notes, pub. by Antioch College
Bell Telephone Quarterly
B'nai B'rith Magazine
The Burroughs Clearing House
The Chase, pub. in Lexington, Ky.
Chevrolet Service News
Children's Home Finder, pub. by Davis Child's Shelter, Charleston,W.Va.
The Chinese Nation, pub. in Shanghai, China
Christian Leader, pub. by Universalist Pub.House
Christian Register, pub.in Boston by Christian Register Associates
Christian Science Monitor, given by First Church of Christ, Scientist
Christian Science Sentinel, pub. by Christian Science Pub. Soc., Boston
The Church Herald for the Blind, monthly magazine pub. by the Dep't of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church
Commonweal, pub. by the Calvert Pub.Co.
The Dupont Magazine
East Texas, pub. by East Texas Chamber of Commerce
Economic Review of the Soviet Union
Florida Municipal Record, official publication of the Florida League of Municipalities
Florida Realty Journal, pub. by Florida Assn of Real Estate Boards, inc.

Gifts cont'd:

Glidden Brighter Homes, pub.at Cleveland,O.
Illinois Central Magazine
International Student, pub. in Westerville,Ohio.
The Jewish Tribune
Junior Catalog, South Bend Lathe Works
The Kalends, pub.by Williams & Wilkins Co.,Baltimore,Md
Kentucky Progress Magazine
Kiwanis Magazine, given by Kiwanians of Charleston
Lutheran Men, pub. in Cincinnati,O.
Market Bulletin, W.Va. Dept.of Agriculture, pub.in Charleston
The National Turf Digest, pub.in Baltimore
New River State Collegian, pub.in Montgomery,W.Va.
Norfolk & Western Magazine
The Office Economist, given by S.Spencer Moore Co.,City
The Official Gazette of the U.S.Patent Office
The Panel, pub.by Assn of Grand Jurors of N.Y.County
The Philippine Republic, pub.in Washington,D.C.
Poland, pub.by the American-Polish Chamber of Commerce & Industry,N.Y.City
Public Welfare Bulletin, pub.by W.Va.State Board of Children's Guardians
Rays of Sunshine, given by Bartlett, Inc.
Recruiting News, pub.by Recruiting Publicity Bureau, Governor's Island,N.Y.
The Rosicruscian Digest, pub.in San Jose,California.
St.Albans Advertiser, St.Albans,W.Va.
Save the Surface Magazine, pub. by J.M.Gates' Sons Co.,City.
Scouting, pub. in N.Y.
The Service Magazine, pub.by Blue Ridge Div. Veterans' Assn, Pittsburgh
Shorthand Reporter, pub. in Chic.
The Silent Hostess, pub.by the General Electric Co.,Cleveland,O.
Social Science, pub.in New York
Specialty Salesman Magazine, Chicago,Ill.
Stenotypist, from Charleston Business College, Charleston,W.Va.
The Texaco Star
Today's Magazine of America, pub.in N.Y.
Tucson, pub. by the Chamber of Commerce and City of Tucson
The Union Signal, official organ of the Nat.Woman's Christian Union
Unsearchable Riches, pub.by the Concordant Pub.Concern, Los Angeles
The War Cry, given by Salvation Army of Charleston
W. Va. 4-H Suggestions, pub.in Morgantown,W.Va.
W.Va.Wild Life, pub.in Charleston by Wild Life League of W.Va.
The Wheel, given by Triple State Electric Co., Charleston
The World Tomorrow
Interludes
Ladies' Review
Liberty, pub. in Washington,D.C.
Writers' markets & methods

(Mrs) B. m Schlichter dal
Librarian

Report for July 1931

The Library was open 26 week days and Sunday afternoons in July 1931.

The hours of the Library for the summer months are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the adult dep't each week day, except on Saturdays on that day the hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
The Children's dep't is open each day from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged

Children borrowed	2413	books
Adults "	9599	"
A total at the Main Library of	12012	
Crescent Library loaned	464	"
A grand total of		12,476

141 books were received in July 1931; 74 were purchased, and 67 were gifts. Of the old writers, we rec'd volumes of Samuel Richardson, and William Hazlett.
The 1931 Moody's manual of investments was rec'd. The books purchased comprise new fiction, travel, biography and children's books. Some of the more important books rec'd are:
Schmitt's "Coming of the War, 1914," 2 vols; Georgian England; Light Horse Harry Lee, Wilson the unknown; The Grass Roof by Younghill Kang; With the Italia to the North Pole, by Nobile; In Search of Treland, by H.V.Morton;

The books most in demand at the Library are:

Fiction:
Grand Hotel by Baum
The Sophisticates" by Atherton
Flamenco
Dwarf's Blood
Bridge of Desire
Back Street

Non-fiction:
Story of San Michele by Munthe
My Experiences in the World War by Pershing
Education of a princess by Princess Marie of Russia
Strange death of Pres. Harding
Humanity Uprooted
Daisy, princess of Pless

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtenthal
Librarian

Report for Sept.1931.

In Sept. 1931 the Library was open 24 days, and 3 hrs. each Sunday afternoon; it was closed all day Labor Day.

Children borrowed	2,075	
Adults "	9,243	
A total at the Main Library of		11,318
Crescent Library loaned		481
A grand total of		11,799

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 45.

669 books have added to the Library since Aug.3rd., the day of the Call meeting.

506 were purchased
98 " gifts
55 " bound periodicals

Of the 506 books purchased, 232 were for the Children's Dep't.

Of the more important books received were:
Moody's Public Utilities for 1931
v.5 of the Encyclopedia of the Social ciences
v.7 " " Dictionary of American Biography
v.5 " " Mythology of All Races

Books were given this month by:
A.F.Trail
Mrs.D.H.McGorrish
Mrs.J.B.Madison
W.D.Sell
Whitney Slocomb of Los Angeles
Dr.J.E.Robins
State Dep't of Health
Mrs.Thelma Zinn
Mrs.E.A.Barnes
E.C.Ramage
Ethel Lewis

Report for October 1931

In October the Library was open 27 days.

Children borrowed	2871	books
Adults "	10382	"

A total at the Main Library of	13,253
Crescent Library loaned	536
A grand total of	13,789

73 pictures were borrowed in October.
10 French & 3 Spanish books were borrowed this month.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 58

Since the Board met Oct.16th.1931
163 books have been added, 127 were purchased & 36 were gifts;
of this nu,ber 45 were for the Ch ldren's Dept.

Among the new books we have C.H.Ambler's History of Transportation in the Ohio Valley"
The Library rec'd from the State Dep't of Health the report of 1928-1930.
Some new biographies are:
The Caliph of Bagdad (O.Henry)
Alexander Hamilton, 1st Amer. business man
Abraham Cowley
Noguchi
Charles W.Eliot 2 vols.
Men & Memories by William Rothenstein, English artist.
Life & Times of Marc Antony.

Books were given this month by:
Ramon Savich
Mrs.F.W.Craig
Miss Betty Tompkins
Mrs.Wm.Hampe

Report for November 1931

The Library was open 23 days in November; and every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 for reading & reference. The Library was closed Armistice Day, also Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed	3,308	books
Adults "	10,013	

A total at the Main Library of	13,321	or 579 books a day.
Crescent Library loaned	565	

Making a grand total of 13,886

In the Adult Dep't. the books circulated covered the following classes:

13	on general works
187	philosophies
116	books on religious subjects
158	" " sociology
17	on language
80	on science
172	on the useful arts
196	" " fine arts
641	" literature, which include, poetry, dramas, essays etc.
237	histories
272	travel books
420	biographies

Total non-fiction	2,504	
" fiction	7,509	10,013

38 pictures were loaned in November.

The Children's Room shows a decided increase in circulation in November; the hours in their Dep't Are: from 2 to 9 p.m. except on Saturdays, on that day, the Dep't is open from 10 a.m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 6 p.m.

Since Nov.6th.1931 105 books were added to the Library by purchase, and 36 were gifts; 26 were for the Juvenile Dep't.

The W.Va. Experiment Station gave the Library the book "Trees of W. Va." The Ludovici-Celadon Co. of N.Y. gives The Tuileries broch chures" Standard Brick & Supply of Charleston gives the magazine "Building Economy". Books were given by Mrs.Hampe; J.H.Milam; Mrs.G.H.Capeeton; A.L.Taveau Jr.;and the Kanawha Players.

Jan.1932

The Library was open 25 days in Jan.1932

It was closed New Year's Day.

Children borrowed	3028	books
Adults "	11824	"
Crescent Library loaned	142	

A grand total of 14,994

15 pictures were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 59

In Jan.1932 320 books were added to the Libr ry, 250 purchased, 52 gifts & 18 bound periodicals.

Important books rec'd were:
Vol.9 of the Smithsonian Scientifis series on warm-blooded vertebrates
v.10 Shelled vertebrates of the past & present
v.11 Old & new plant life
Tidewater Maryland by Paul Wilstach
Shakespeare Head Press edition of Shakespeare in 10 vols.
Sir Chas. Grandison by Sam'l Richardson in 6 vol.s

The Library was rich in gifts:
Books were rec'd from
Stewart Harris Jr.
E.L.Cox
Robert Watt
Mrs.J.A.deGruyter gave a very fine collection of books including Memoirs of the French Court in 14 vol.s
N.Y.Central Railway
Amer.Relief Administration
Mrs.J.D.Hanna
Mrs.G.H.Caperton
Mr.M.F.G.Kinsey
Mr.Henry Fry
Miss Clare Benedict of Basle, Switzerland
The Laird Office Equipment Co. Gave memorandum & desk calendar
S.Spencer Moore Co. Gave a desk calendar
Geo.Washington Life Ins. Co. gave several desk calendars.
The Graduate Nurses Official Registry gave The Amer. Journal of Nursing for one year.

Respectfully submitted:

March .932

The Library was open 27 days in March 1932.

Children borrowed	3,353	books
Adults "	12,275	
Crescent Library loaned	568	
A grand total of		16,196

Since the Board met Feb.5th.1932 many interesting & worth while books have been received, and these included many gifts.

503 were added by purchase, and 107 were gifts; ofthis number 8[illegible] were for the Children's Dep't. 23 were sent to Crescent Library.

Books were given by Mrs.De Gruyter ; The Kanawha Players; Mrs. Mary Gravatt Porter; J.N.Salisbury; Ramon Savich; Mrs.H.B.Smith; Mrs.Wm. Hampe; and by William E.Chilton 2nd.

April 1932

In April the Library was open 26 days.

Children borrowed	3,104	books
Adults "	10,838	
Crescent Library loaned	429	

Making a grand total of 14,371

Visitors averaged 44 on Sunday afternoons

Since the Board met Apr.15th.1932 178 books have been added by purchase, 111 were gifts, these included 8 vols. of Shakespeare given by Mrs.Hugh Nicholson; 60 vols. of bound Harper's Magazines given by Mrs.Herbert Garred; 7 were rebound books. Moody's Governments & Municipals for 1932, and their Banks & Insurance for 1932 have been rec'd.

The City papers have very kindly printed lists of new books for the last seven weeks.

Books have been given this month by Mrs.Herbert Garred; Mrs. de Gruyter; Ramon Savich; Mrs.Grace Finch; W.D.Sell; Mrs.Wm.Hampe; & the Book of the Month Club.

June 3rd.1932

The Library was open 25 days in May 1932, and was closed all day Decoration Day.

Children borrowed	2,737 books	
Afults "	9,020	
A total at the Main Library of		11,757
Crescent Library loaned		263
A grand total of		12,020

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 38

278 books were added by purchase, of which 85 were for the Children's Dep't. 40 were gifts and 27 were bound magazines.

Many interesting books of travel, history, biographies, fiction etc. were rec'd. Vol.2 of Men and memories by Wm.Rothenstein was rec'd books on China, Holland, Japan and on almost every imaginable subject have been added and every taste gratified.

Beautiful flowers have been supplied by Misses Quarrier, Collins, Mrs.Smithy and Mrs.Henry Miner.

Books were given by Thos A.Sullivan; Mrs.A.F.Rathbone; Ramon Savich; Miss Jean Brown.

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Mr. John V. Ray	
Mr. F.L. Teal	
Miss Anna Taylor	
Mr. Arthur S. Dayton	

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Main Library and Crescent Library:

Number of volumes at beginning of year		26,254
Number of volumes added by purchase	2,157	
Number of volumes added by gift	594	
Number of bound periodicals	91	
Volumes added to Crescent Library	33	
Total number of volumes		29,129
Books not returned during year	309	
Books worn out	555	
Total withdrawals	864	
Number of volumes at end of year		28,265
Books rebound during year	641	
Books re-cased	767	
Books mended	2,509	
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Number of pictures in picture collection, mounted on 8½ x 11½ cards		2,100

Statistics cont'd

Main Library and Crescent Library:

Number of volumes loaned:

Adult non-fiction	28,516	
Adult fiction	96,044	
Total adult		124,560
Juvenile non-fiction	7,623	
Juvenile fiction	26,605	
Total juvenile		34,228
Total at Main Library		158,788
Number of volumes loaned at Crescent Library		5,046
Total number of volumes loaned		163,834

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Number of card holders at end of year 1930-1931	18,822	
Number of new borrowers registered	2,912	
Number of registered borrowers		21,734
" " borrowers' cards withdrawn by death and removal		69
Total number of registered borrowers		21,665
Number of borrowers re-registered during year induced by change of charging system		5,565
Number of transients' cards issued		30
Visitors on Sunday afternoons totaled or 46 per Sunday		2,418

The following periodicals and newspapers
are subscribed for.

American boy
American City
American Girl
American Home
American Lawn Tennis
American Machinist
American Magazine
American Mercury
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Art and Archaeology
Arts and Decoration
Asia
Atlantic Monthly
Aviation
Baltimore Sun (Newspaper)
Book Review Digest
Booklist
Bookman
Boys' Life
Chemical Abstracts
Chicago Daily Tribune (Newspaper)
Child Life
Charleston Daily Mail (Newspaper)
Charleston Gazette "
Christian Century
Cincinnati Enquirer
Coal Age
Collier's Weekly
The Connoisseur
Courier Journal (Newspaper)
Current History
Electrical World
Elementary School Journal
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering News Record
Evening Star (Newspaper)
The Family
Field and Stream
Forbes Magazine
Foreign Affairs
Forum
Gas Age Record
Good Housekeeping
Harper's
House Beautiful
Hygeia

Industrial and Engineering Chemistry
Industrial Arts Index
Iron Age
John Martin's Book
Journal of the American Chemical Society
Judge
Junior Home
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Life
Literary Digest
Machinery
Manufacturer's Record
Mechanical Engineering
Mid-week Pictorial
Missionary Review of the World
Musical America
The Nation
National Geographic
National Republic
National Tribune (Newspaper)
Nation's Business
Natural Gas
Nature Magazine
New Republic
New York Times (Newspaper)
North American Review
Outlook and Independent
Petroleum Age
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Present Day American Literature
Public Management
Publishers' Weekly
Radio Craft
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
Review of Reviews
Richmond Times Dispatch (Newspaper)
St. Nicholas
Saturday Evening Post
Saturday Review of Literature
School and Society
Scientific American
Scribner's Magazine
Survey
Time
U.S. Daily (Newspaper)
West Virginia Review
World's Work
Yale Review

Gifts:

American Journal of Nursing
Christian Leader
Christian Register
Christian Science Monitor
Christian Science Sentinel
Commonweal
Guaranty Survey

Gifts of books, flowers, etc.

Mrs. William Davis	Books
Washburn-Crosby Co.Inc.	Books
Richard Whitney, Pres. N.Y. Stock Exchange	Report
Gladys Canter	Books
Hoyt Thornton	Books
B.S.Morgan	Book
Gulf Refining Co.	Atlas
A.F.Patterson	Books
Mrs. Mary Reber	Books
Mt. Rushmore National Commission	Booklet
Mrs. William Hampe	Books
A.T.Trail	Books
Mrs. D.H.McGorrish	Books
Mrs. J.B.Madison	Books
Mr. W.D.Sell	Book
Whitney H.Slocomb, Los Angeles	Book
Dr. J.E.Robins	Bound magazines
Mrs. J.R.Scott	Books
State Health Dep't	Biennial Report
Mrs. E.A.Barnes	Books
Mr. E.C.Ramage	Book
Theo. Lewis	Book
Mrs. B.E.Yates	Pictures for picture collection
Ramon Savich	Books
Mrs. F.W.Craig	Books
Miss Betty Tompkins	Books
Anonymous	Amer. Magazine of Art
"	Social Science
Ludovici-Celadon Co.	Tuileries brochures
Standard Brick & Supply Co.	Building Economy
J.H.Milam	Book
Mrs. G.H.Caperton	Books
A.L.Taveau, Jr.	Book
Hallie Jordan Caldwell	Book
Kanawha Players	Plays
W. Va. Agricultural Experiment Station	"W.Va. Trees"
E. L. Cox	Books
Robert Watt	Books
Stewart Harris, Jr.	"
N.Y. Central R.R.	Book
Amer. Relief Administration	"
Laird Office Equipment	Desk calendars
Mrs. J.D.Hanna	Books
Graduate Nurses Official Registry of Charleston, W.Va.	Journal of Nursing

Gifts cont'd

M.F.G. Kinsey	Book
Mr. Henry Fry	Books
Miss Clair Bennett (Switzerland)	"
S.Spencer Moore	Desk calendar
George Washington Life Ins. Co.	Desk calendars
S.G.Scovill	Book
Kentucky Geological Survey	Books & pamphlets
D.A.R.	Manuals on the U.S.Government for Italian citizens
George Reiter	Book
John B. Trevor	Book
Lutheran Church	The Lutheran
J. N. Salisbury	Book
Mrs. Mary G.Porter	Books
Mrs. Herbert Garred	Bound Harpers Magazines
Mr. J.A. deGruyter	Books
Mrs. Grace Finch	"
Book-of-the Month	Book dividends
Thomas A. Sullivan	Book
Mrs. A.F.Rathbone	Books
Miss Jean Brown	Book
Edward Hall	Books
W.B.Mathews	Barnes' W.Va. Code
Mrs. O.C.Tamplin	Books
Mrs. Clifford Myers	Books
Eugene Dreher	Song
Commissioner of Public Docks, Portland, Oregon	Report
Hudson S. Campbell	Books
Library Staff	Flowers

(Mrs.) B. m. Schlichtendal
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Report for June 1932

The Library was open 26 days in June 1932.

Adults borrowed	9,919	books
Children "	2,679	
Crescent Library loaned	207	
A grand total of		12,805
Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged		26

Since the Board met June 3rd.1932 114 books have been added by purchase, 22 were gifts and one was a rebound book.
Four of the Loeb Classics have been rec'd.
v.4 Plautus
v.1 Chrysostom
v.4 Philo
v.2 Seneca
Other books rec'd were:
Who's Who for 1932
Vol.7 Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences
Contemporary Sculpture (Gift)
Vol.9 Dictionary of American Biography

For many weeks the City papers have kindly printed our book lists of recent additions.

The hours in the Children's Room for the summer months are
9:30 A.M. to 3:30 p.m.
In the adult dep't.
9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. every week day except Saturday, on that day the hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
On Sunday afternoons the Library is open from 2 to 5 o'clock for reading and reference.

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
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Report for July 1932

The Library was open in July 1932 25 days; it was closed all day July 4th.

Children borrowed	2,544	books
Adults "	10,605	
Crescent Library loaned	389	

A grand total of 13,538

At the Main Library 525 books a day were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 26.

Since the Board met July 1st.1932 84 books were added by purchase, 121 were gifts, and one was a rebound vol., a total of 206 books.

The majority of the books this month were novels.

2 vols. of the works of John Milton were added this month.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Lbn.

Report for September 1932.

The Library was open in September 1932, 25 days, and each Sunday afternoon.
The Library was closed all day Labor Day.

Children borrowed	1,993	books
Adults "	9,811	
Crescent Library loaned	309	
A grand total of		12,113

Since the Board met Aug.8th.1932 159 books were acquired; 76 were added by purchase, 83 were gifts. Of this number, 34 were for the Children's Dep't, and 26 were for Crescent Library.

Books were given this month by:
Ruth Watt
Mrs.Ernest Merrill
Mrs.Bouchelle
Mrs.Montague Blundon
Mrs.W.F.Hampe
Rev.C.R.Garrison
Ramon Savich
Arthur Woods

Among the books rec'd were:
Public Utility Securities, and Steam Railroads for 1932, of the Moody's Investment Service, were

On Sept.6th.1932 the Library resumed its old hours, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the adult dep't.and from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Children's dep't.
On Saturdays the adult dep't is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
The Children's dep't is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 6 p.m.

(Mrs) B. von Schlichtendal
Lbn

Report for October 1932

The Library was open 26 days in October.

Children borrowed	2,751	books
Adults "	10,151	
Crescent Library loaned	480	
A grand total of		13,382

44 pictures were loaned in October.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 70 (the increse incident to ball game fans, seeing returns from Library windows)

Since the Board met Oct.7th.1932, 154 books have been added by purchase, and 18 were gifts; of the more important books are:
Who's Who in America for 1932-1933
Encyclopedia of the social sciences vol.8
Roads to knowledge
A princess in exile by Grand duchess of Russia
The French Revolution 2 vols. by Hazen
Webhave acquired several books on South America:
Modern Spith America by C.W.D.Fife
History of the Argentine Republic by F.A.Kirkpatrick
The coming of South America by H.K.Norton

In business books we have:
New business English by G.B.Hotchkiss
Business letters by R.L.Johns
Business opportunities for women by Catherine Oglesby

In biography we have:
John Quincy Adams by B.C.Clark
Incredible Pizarro by Frank Shay
A man must fight (Gene Tunney) by Gene Tunney
Journal of Arnold Bennett
A princess in exile by Grand duchess Marie of Russia
Marie Adelaide by Edith O'Shaughnessy
Life of James MacNeil Whistler by Elizabeth & Joseph Pennell

Many splendid books have arrived for the Children's Dep't., some of which we hope to have ready by Book Week, Nov.13-19 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal
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November 1932

The Library was open in November 1932 24 days. It was closed Armistice Day & Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed	3,045	books	
Adults "	10,375		
A total at the Main Library of		13,420	a gain of 518 over Oct.1932.
Crescent Library loaned	390	books	
Making a grand total of		13,810	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 58

52 pictures from the Library collection were loaned.

Since the Board met Nov.4th.1932 224 books have been added, also 48 bound periodicals.

Of the number of books added, 125 were for the Children's Dep't.

In the Reference Dep't we have the book "Where and how to sell manuscripts" by McCourtie (this book was given) and "Index to one-act plays; 2 volumes of the Reference Shelf,viz: "Federal regulation of banking" and "Cancellation of international war debts", the Reference Shelf is debating material.

The books most in demand at the Library now are:
Fiction:
The fountain by Chas. Morgan
The good earth " Pearl Buck
Sons " " "
The flowering wilderness by John Galsworthy
The sheltered life by Ellen Glasgow
Peking picnic by Ann Bridge

Non-fiction:
Only yesterday by F.L.Allen
Van Loon's geography
What men live by - Abbe Dimnet
Washington mery-go round
The epic of America by Jas. Truslow Adams
A new way to better golf by Morrison

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. M. Schlichtendal
Lbn

Report for Dec,1932

The Library was open 26 days in December 1932 and was closed all day Xmas Day.

Children borrowed	2680 books	
and adults "	9481	
A total at the Main Library of		12,161
Crescent Library loaned		330
Making a grand total of		12,491

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 43

Since the Board met Dec.2nd.1932 210 books have been rec'd. 165 were purchased and 45 were gifts; of this number 78 were for the Children's Department.

Some of the more important books rec'd were: vol.12 of the Smithsonia Scientific Series, entitled "Great Inventions"
"The Medici" 2 vols. by Col. G.F.Young
"The march of democracy" by Jas. Truslow Adams
"Reading, writing & remembering" by E.V.Lucas
"Forty years for Labrador" by Sir Wilfred Grenfell
"Our times: the war beguns" - Mark Sullivan
"The Flying Carpet" Richard Halliburton
"Men against death" - Paul de Gruif
"My frkendly contemporaries" - Hamlin Garland
"Interpretations" - Walter Lippman
4 volumes of the Loeb classics were rec'd.

Those giving books this month were:
Mrs.G.H.Caperton
Miss Mary Evans
Mrs.W.E.Chilton
Misses Justine Long & Virginia Gilham
Mr.M.H.F.Kinsey
Mrs A.W.Flournoy

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal
Sec

Report for Jan.1933

The Library was open 25 days in January, and on Sunday afternoons for reading, from 2 to 5. It was closed New Year's Day.

Children borrowed	2,599	books
Adults "	10,933	"

A total at the Main Library of 13,532, 540 per day
A gain over December of 1,371

Crescent Library loaned 272

Making a grand total of 13,804

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 49

Since the Board met Jan.6th.1933, 184 books have been received 163 were purchased and 21 were gifts. Of those purchased 70 were for the Children's Dep't.

From a duplicate collection, 79 books were sent to Crescent Library.

Moody's Government Securities Manual for 1933 has been rec'd. The fine arts dep't had the most notable additions this month, 20 numbers of "The Modern Masters of Etching" series, and the volume entitled "Contemporary American Portrait Painters". Vol.10 of the Dictionary of American Biography has been rec'd. Vol.9 of the "Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences" and Vol.9 of "Cambridge Ancient History"

Books were given by:
Charleston Retail Credit Assn.
Mr.W.B.Mathews gave the book entitled "Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth" compiled by Thomas Jefferson, which will be placed in the Reference Dep't.
Mr.W.S.Mason & Mr.T.A.Sullivan also gave books. Mr.Wm.B.Thomas gave "The American Scholar" for one year. "The League of Nations Chronicle" is given by Miss Byrd Ford. Miss Louise Coffey gave many lovely travel post cards, which will eventually be added to the Library picture collection.

The books most in demand now, are:
The flowering wilderness by John Galsworthy
The good earth by Pearl Buck
Sons " " "
The fountain by Charles Morgan
The sheltered life by Ellen Glasgow
Inheritance by Phyllis Bentley
Forgive us our trespasses by Lloyd Douglas

More merry-go-round
The flying carpet by Richard Halliburton
Blessed Spinoza - Lewis Browne
What we live by - Ernest Dimnet
Washington-go-round
Only yesterday - Frederick Lewis Allen
Van Loon's geography

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. von Schlichtenhorst

Report for Feb.1933

The Library was open in Feb.1933 23 days, being closed all day Washington's Birthday.

Children borrowed	2,743	books
Adults "	9,921	

A total at the Main Library of 12,664 or 550 per day
Crescent Library loaned 416

Making a grand total of 13,080

67 pictures of the Library picture collection were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 56

Since the Board met Feb.3rd.1933, 141 books have been added, 95 were purchased and 46 were gifts. Of those purchased 53 were for the Children's Dep't.

The most popular books at the Library now are:
The good earth by Pearl Buck
Sons By " "
Ann Vickers " Sinclair Lewis
The flowering wilderness by John Galsworthy
Inheritance by Phyllis Bentley
Forgive us our trespasses by L.C.Douglas
The fountain by Charles Morgan

A new deal by Stuart Chase
The Flying Carpet - by Richard Halliburton
Van Loon's geography
Best plays of 1931-1932
More Merry-go-round
Only yesterday - F.L.Allen
What we live by - Ernest Dimnet

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs) B. von Schlechtendal
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March 1933

The Library was open in March 1933 27 days.

Children borrowed	3,472 books	
Adults "	11,241	
A total at the Main Library of		14,713
Crescent Library loaned		419
Making a grand total of		15,132

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 65

Pictures loaned from the Library picture collection 24.

Since the last Board meeting March 3rd.1933, 217 books have been added; 170 were purchased and 47 were gifts. Of this number 28 were for the Children's Dep't.

In the Reference Dep't., the latest addition is "The Oxford Companion to English Literature".

In biography, the following books were added this month:

Voltaire	by	Maurois
Napoleon	"	Belloc
Bernard Shaw	"	Henderson
Daniel Webster 2v.	"	Fuess
Memories of a Southern woman of letters	"	Grace King
Grover Cleveland	"	Allan Nvins
Porfirio Diaz	"	Beals
William Penn	"	Dobree
Romantic Rebel (Hawthorne)	"	Hildegarde Hawthorne
Andrew Jackson	"	Marquis James

The hours of the Library remain the same:
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except on Saturdays, on that day the Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. for reading.

Children's Dep't.
2 to 6 p.m. except Saturdays, on that day from 10 a.m. to 12 M and from 2 to 6 p.m.
This Dep't. is not open on Sundays.

April 1933

The Library was open in April 1933 25 days.

Children borrowed	2556 books and	
adults "	8934	
A total at the Main of		11,490
Crescent Library loaned		315
Making a grand total of		11,805

42 pictures of the Library picture collection were loaned.
394 biographies and 296 travel books were loaned in the adult department.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 51.

Since the last meeting of the Library Board April 7th.1933 115 books have been added, 42 were purchaaed and 73 were gifts.

The 1933 Moody's mahual of banks, insurance & real estate has been rec'd.
"The march of faith" by W.E.Garrison has been rec'd from the Religious Book Club.
"Science and human life" by J.B.S.Haldane has come from the Scientific Book Club.
"Marie Antoinette" by Stefan Zweig from the Book-of-the-month club.&
"The Arctic village" from the Literary Guild.

People giving books this month were:
Mrs.W.E.Chilton
Mrs.J.A.deGruyter
Mrs.H.D.Rummell
Miss Roberta Frazier
Mrs.Irvin Murray
Mrs.Crawford
Miss Elizabeth Evans
Rev J.B.Morton
Chemical Foubdation Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 1933

In May 1933 the Library was open 24 days and each Sunday afternoon.

Children borrowed	2523	books	
Adults "	7900		
A total at the Main of		10,423	
Crescent Library loaned		358	
Making a grand total of			10,781

In the adult department of the Main Library, of the 7900 books loaned, 2,070 were non-fiction; 350 biographies and 210 travel books and 216 books on sociology were among the number.

Some important chemical books have been added to the Library this month, also books of travel, garden books and art books.

People giving books this.month were:
Mrs.H.D.Rummell
Mrs.A.W.Flournoy
Hoyt Thornton
Mrs.Brown Truslow
Mr.Kornstein

Respectfully submitted.

Lbn.

August 1933

The Library was open in August 1933 27 days.

Children borrowed	2277	
Adults "	9649	
A total at the Main Lib. of		11,926
Crescent Library loaned		352
A loan of books to Camp Conley netted in circulation		444
A loan to a Girl Scout Camp		
A grand total for August of		12132

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 45.

In August 1933, 209 books were added by purchase, and 30 were gifts 3 were rebound volumes; of this number 119 were for Crescent Branch Library.

Thomas' Register of American Manufacturers 1932-1933 was given by the Thomas Pub. Co.
A set of Harvard classics was sent to Crescent Library.
Public utilities securities manual for 1933 of Moody's Investment service was rec'd. The complete poems and letters of Robert Burns were added this month; 5 vols of William Hazlett's essays were added.

Books were given by:
K.K.Kawakami
Mrs.W.E.Chilton
Mrs.Harrison Smith
U.S.Shipping Board
Mrs.Montague Blundon
Mrs.E.Spradling
Mr.J.C.Sippe
Mrs.Delmer Hanson

Respectfully submitted.

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November 1933

The Library was open 25 days in November 1933, and was closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed	3,341	books and
Adults "	9,972	

A total at the Main Library of	13,313
Crescent Library loaned	450
Making a grand total of	13,763

272 pictures from the Library picture collection were loaned and principally to teachers. 1,152 books were rented

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 61.

Since Nov.1st. 1933 258 books have been added by purchase and 3 were given. Vol.12 of the Dictionary of American Biography has been received. Vol.11 of the Encyclopedia of Social Sciences also has been rec'd. Other books included many duplicates of the books most in demand & for which we have long "waiting lists"; biography, history, travel etc.

The Library continues to receive the Literary Guild books, both juvenile and adult, also books each month from the Religious and Scientific Book Clubs.

We have just rec'd for the Reference Dep't the book entitled " "Anonyma and Pseudonyma" in 4 vols. In debating material the Library has added "Economic nationalism" & "Increasing the President's power", two numbers of the Reference Shelf pub. by H.W.Wilson Co. Vol. 9 of the "Writings of George Washington" has been rec'd from the Gov't Printing Office.

The books most in demand today at the Library are:

Marie Amttoinette - Zweig
House of exile - Nora Waln
The Flying Carpet - Halliburton
Best plays of 1932-33 -
Always a Grand Duke - Alexander
Twenty years a-growing - O'Sullivan
Van Lon's geography
100,000,000 guinea pigs - Kallet & Schlink

No second spring - Beith
As the earth turns - G.H.Carroll
Ann Vickers - Lewis
Anthony Adverse - Hervey Allen
Sons - Pearl Buck
Master of Jalna - De La Roche
Vanessa - Hugh Walpole
One more river - John Galsworthy
Little man, what now ? - Fallada

March 1934

The Library was open in March 1934 27 days.

Children borrowed	3631	books
Adults "	10104	

A total at the Main Library of	13,735
Crescent Library loaned	391
Making a grand total of	14,126

126 pictures from the Library picture collection were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 60

In March 138 books were added by purchase and 3 were gifts.

Among the more important books were v.12 of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences; 3 books on arc-welding; Union portraits and Confederate portraits by Gamaliel Bradford; The prophets of Israel by S.Parkes Cadmon; other books were essays, dramas, biographies, etc. 79 of the 138 were for the Children's Dep't.

Whenever the children have a school holiday, their departme ment is open 2 hrs. in the mornings and from 2 to 6 p.m.

On Dec.15th.1933 and Dec.19th, large book orders were sent to Huntting & Co.,Springfield, Mass. All but a very few of these books have been rec'd. Other books rec'd were t the Literary Guild books, Religious & Scientific Book Clubs books, which have been received each month.
For the Children's Dep't we subscribe to the Junior Literar Guild, which sends each month.

We have at present 3 workers from Kanawha College who give the Library about 3 hours each per day.

April 1934

The Library was open 25 days in April 1934.

Children borrowed	2973	books
Adults "	8065	

A total at the Main of	11,038
Crescent Library loaned	272
Making a grand total of	11,310

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 51

170 pictures of the Library picture collection were loaned.

Since the Board met Apr.6th.1934 131 books have been added by purchase and 3 were gifts. Of those purchased 4 were for Crescent Library and 54 were for the Children's Dep't. at the Main Library

Mr.Joseph L.Bohnert of California (formerly of Charleston) sent his 2 plays to the Library.
Other books rec'd are Gardner's History of England 18 vols.
The prose works of John Milton; Frank Norris' novels;
Doubleday's Garden Library 6 vols.;
To Crescent Library were sent:
The West Va. Encyclopedia by Conley
Trans-Allegheny pioneers by Hale
Chronicles of Border Warfare by Withers
The 1934 World Almanac; all reference material

A great deal of reference work has been done with the City students, this work was almost entirely with periodicals, bound and unbound, showing their great value when you have the Indexes, known as the "Readers' Guide to periodical literature" The Library has the complete file of indexes, beginning in 1900.

Many students also used the debating material, the"Reference Shelf", "University Debaters' Manuals" and the Handbook series of debates.

The hours of the Libra y are the same; but when the City schools close, they will be slightly changed,opening ¼ hour earlier also closing ¼ hour earlier.

Report for May 1934

In May 1934 the Library was open 26 days and closed all day the 30th. Memorial Day.

Children borrowed	2749	books
Adults "	7391	"

A total at the Main Library of	10,140
Crescent Library loaned	248
Making a grand total of	10,388

119 pictures from the Library picture collection were borrowed.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 48

The Children's Dep't has sponsored three Saturday afternoon story-hours. On one occasion bird pictures were shown on a screen, which proved very popular.

The Library has received mnay gifts of books, Mrs.Joseph Ruffner giving several hundred very interesting ones, Mrs.E.M.Keatley giving quite a number also. Others giving books were: E.A.Dover, Mrs.Maxwell, and Mary Burford.

Large orders were given for fiction and miscellaneous books, and for b oks for Crescent Library, completing our additions for the fiscal year. The regular magazine renewals were made in May by our regular agent, Miss Cora Hopkins.

At present we have three extra assistants, two Kanawha College students completing hours assigned them by Dr. McDaniel. One assistant is giving part of her time; as practice work in a Library is required for entrance into the Library school she wil enter next fall.

On June 14th. when the City Schools close, the Library hours will be slightly changed. The Children's Dep't will have one session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. This Dep't is closed on Sundays.
The adult department will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. except on Saturdays. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
On Sunday afternoons the hours will remain the same: from 2 to 5 p.m. for reading only. No books are loaned on this day.

June 1934

The Library was open in June 1934 26 days.

Children borrowed	2508 books	
Adults "	7429	
A total at the Main Library of		9937
Crescent Library loaned		233
Making a grand total of		10,170

Since the Board met June 13th.1934 322 books have been added by purchase, and two gifts were received; of this number 107 were for the Children's Department, and six, for Crescent Library.

The Library was fortunate in getting a very fine miscellaneous collection of books, which will be made available to the public as fast as possible.

July 1934

The Library was open in July 1934 25 days and was closed all day July 4th.

Children borrowed	2112	books
Adults "	7977	"

A total at the Main Library of	10,089
Crescent Library loaned	692
Making a grand total of	10,781

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 33.

19 pictures from the Library picture collection were borrowed.

Mr.John L.Dickinson gave the Library 163 new books on religion

and kindred subjects, which will be a great help to Bible students Sunday School teachers, Ministers and to parents who are interested in religious education.

The Library also received books from Mrs.Montague Blundon, Mrs. E.M.Ketalsy, and the Garden Center of Charleston.

The Library is fortunate in having many new books purchased this summer, and many newly rebound books, which every one enjoys in their new dress.

August 1934.

The Library was open 27 days in August and on each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6

Children borrowed	2395	books
Adults "	8695	"
Crescent Library loaned	280	
Making a grand total of		11,370

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 38.

Since the Board met Aug.22nd.1934 98 books have been added by purchase & 54 were gifts. The gifts were from John L.Dickinson and Virginia Talmadge.

Moody's Manual of Railroad Securities was rec'd this month, this is one of 5 manuals of Moody's Investments rec'd each year, the other being: Governmen securities, Banks, Industrials and Public Utilities. these manuals are supplemented with bi-monthly letters and bulletins, which are filed in loose-leaf binders for the convenience of the public.

Some important reference books rec'd recently are:
"Essay & General Literature Index"
"Hortus, a concise dictionary of gardening & general horticulture" by Liberty Hyde Bailey
"A Manual of Flags" by W.J.Gordon
"State names, flags, seals, songs, birds, flowers, & other symbols" by George Earlie Shankle

The services of a full-time page for 8 hrs.per day is a great help and safe-guard. He has helped materially in the inventory, which has progressed very satisfactorily.

When school opened the hours of the Children's Dep't were changed. That Dep't is open 4 hrs. from 2 to 6 p.m. on school days, and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 m and from 2 to 6 p.m.
This Dep't is closed on Sundays.
The adult is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday afternoons the adult Dep't is open from 2 to 5 for reading and reference. Books are not loaned on Sundays; but they may be returned.

September 1934

The Library was open in September 1934 24 week days, and on each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5. It was closed all day Labor Day.

Children borrowed	2135	books	
Adults "	7689	"	
A total at the Main Library of			9824
Crescent Library loaned			337
Making a grand total of			10,161

Of this number 279 was the circulation of Library books loaned to Girl Scouts Camp

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 47

70 pictures from the Library picture collection were borrowed.

Since the Board met Sept.28th.1934, 207 books have been added by purchase, and 64 were gifts. Books were given by John L. Dickinson, L.R.Eyerley, Misses Virginia Cork and Virginia Talmadge Mrs. Gave magazines (back numbers)
The State Road Commission gave State road maps for free distribution.

Many interesting have been procured at much reduced prices from the C.W.Calrk Co., of New York City. The Literary Guild and the Junior Literary Guild books are received monthly; also selections from the Scientific and Religious Book Clubs.

Oct.1934

The Library was open in Oct.1934 27 days and on each Sunday afternoon for reading and reference from 2 to 5.

The circulation of books for October was 12,915 volumes.

Of this number children borrowed	3497	vols.
Adults borrowed	8992	"
Crescent Library loaned	426	"
a grand total of		12,915 loaned.

In the adult department of course fiction predominated, 6,082 were loaned, 2,910 classed books.

It may be of interest to the Board to learn that:
199 books on philosophy were borrowed
184 on religion
234 o/n sociology
16 language books
118 books on science
203 useful arts
280 fine arts
706 on literature, which include poetry, essays, dramas, etc.
234 histories
307 travel books
412 biographies

131 pictures from the Library picture collection were borrowed. Mrs.Warren Stone of our City has kindly mounted several hundred of the travel post-cards given to the Library by Miss Louise Coffey.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 59.

The inventory progresses favorably, the departments of fiction, philosophy. religion, sociology. language, science, useful & fine arts, literature, including dramas are finished. Work is now proceeding on the travel books. The work may seem very slow to those not familiar with the procedure; but when it is realized that after the shelves are "read" from the shelf-list cards, there are several files to be consulted, viz. to find if book is in circulation, whether it is in the over-due file, on the mending table, at the bindery or just plain missing !

Many useful & interesting books have been added to the Library since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Gazette and the Daily Mail kindly publish lists of new books each week, usually in the Sunday edition.

Some one is very kindly giving the New York Herald-Tribune book section of the Sunday issue, entitled "Books"

November 1934

The Library was open 25 days in November and was closed all day Nov.29th.Thanksgiving Day.

Children borrowed in November	4416 books	
Adults " " "	9136	
a total at the Main Library of		13,552
Crescent Library loaned		306
Making a grand total of		13,858

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 55.

The circulation of fiction took the lead in both departments at the Main Library; but a goodly number of non-fiction was loaned also. In the Children's Department 1188 non-fiction and in the Adult Dep't. 3093.

Dec.1934

In December the Library was open 25 days, being closed all day Xmas Day.

Children borrowed	2943 books	
Adults "	7851	
A total at the Main Library of		10,794
Crescent Library loaned		259
Makin in all for Dec.1934		11,053

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 52.

Mrs.Arthur Hanson & Mrs.Fletcher Irwin gave manyacceptable books & Mr.Clifford Myers gave pamphlets and road maps.

Since the Board met Nov.23rd. 1934 617 books have been added by purchase and 61 were gifts. Of this number 78 were for the Children's Room & 204 were for Crescent Branch Library. We were fortunate in having here at the Library pieces of aok-framed cork board, used in the original Children's Room, which will serve for bulletin boards.

Mrs.Miner's family got weary of hearing the word "clock" and presented her with one, before we acyed in the matter. The Choarman of the House Committee authorized the purchase of 3 step-stools, which we find very convenient for reaching books from the top shelves of the stacks. We have received one new typewriter, a new make of the Underwood machine, which the head cataloguer, Miss Collins is using; we hope soon to have four others.

It is gratifying that three of the Library assistants, MrslMiner, Mrs. Smithy and Miss Quarrier are taking an extension course in children's literature, which is taught by a Professor from Marshall Harvey College, this course represents a full semester's work.

The inventory is nearly completed at the Main Library, the circulating dep't. is finished and work is now progressing in the Reference Dep't. Miss Mosser and Robert F.Simmons have done most of this work.

In December 1934 the book fines and rentals amounted to $156.00 which were deposited in the National Bank of Commerce to the credit of the Board of Education of the County of Kanawha.

Respectfully submitted,

January 1935

The Library was open 26 days in January 1935 and was closed all day January 1st.,New Year's Day.

Children borrowed	2536	books and
Adults "	9865	"
a total of	12,401	at the Main Library
Crescent Library loaned	328	
the bookmobile loaned	1,332	
Making a grand total of		14,061

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 54

100 pictures from the Library picture collection were loaned. The teachers of the city and county express their satisfaction and appreciation that the Library is building up a picture collection, as they consider pictures a avluable adjunct in teaching, especially in the grades.

The Library is again fortunate in having two workers from Kanawha College, a young woman, Miss Kessinger works three days a week and gives us ten hours. Robert Rexrode works five days and gives us also lo hours, being on duty from 2 to 4 p.m., the hours that the page does not serve.

I think that the time is soon coming, when the Reference Room will have to be separate from the circulating department, and all of the reference books kept together, and an assistant in charge every minute that the department is open to the public; in the first place people would receive better service in reference work and the library would be less liable to losses and mutilation of books. At present, reference material is in the office, the small reference room, the west side of main room and the bound magazines are in the stack room , at present this is the best arrangement that can be made.

Since the Board last met , 479 books have been added, 108 for the Boys' and Girls' department, 281 for the adult department and 45 for Crescent Library; 40 were bound periodicals and five were gifts. Mr. Clifford Meyers and Mrs.Fletcher Irwin gave books. "The Rotarian" is given by the Rotary Club of Charleston. The Hungarian Consulate located in Cleveland, Ohio has given some valuable material on Hungary.

Respectfully submitted,

February 1935

The Library was open 23 days in Feb.1935, andthree hours each Sunday afternoon.
It was closed on Washington's Birthday.

Children borrowed	2811	books
Adults "	8817	

A total at the Main of	11,628
Crescent Library loaned	360
The bookmobile circulation totaled	1,677
Making a grand total of	13,665

191 pictures were loaned.
Of the non-fiction circulation the different classified books were as follows:

Philosophy	200	
Religion	149	
Useful arts	200	
Fine arts	248	
Literature	641	Literature class includes poetry, drama, essays etc
History	246	
Travel	374	
Biography	530	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 61
Robert Rexrode, of Kanawha College continues his two hours work five days a week. shelving books; Miss Kessinger of the same College has given valuable assistance, preparing new books for the shelves, such as pasting in bookplates, rules and pockets, she has also mounted several hundred pictures for the Library picture collection.
Mrs.M.L.White of Crescent Library sent one of her volunteer workers to the Main Library for lessons in mending & recasing books.

Tons of old magazines have been transferred from the large vault on the Main floor to the packing room on the ground floor, giving space for the better arrangement of many good books ehich have been given to the Library in the last year & also to supply shelving for some books of a character that invariably disappear without the formality of having them charged.

Respectfully submitted,

March 1935

The Library was open 26 days in March 1935

Children borrowed	3204	books	
Adults "	8706	"	
A total at the Main Lib. of			11,910
Crescent Library loaned			279
The bookmobile loaned			1,769
Making a grand total of			13,958

85 pictures of the Library picture collection were loaned.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 47.

The two Kanawha College students are still giving us valuable assistance. Miss Kessinger preparing new books for the cataloguer & Robert Rexrode shelving books & patroling stack room while R.F.Simmons is off duty.

Mrs.O.W.Fitch presented an excellent set of Shakespeare, 10 vols.
The Chemical Foundation of N.Y.City sent a copy of the book "The open door at home" by Charles A.Beard.
The magazine "Golfing" is sent to the Library "from our Golf Club"
The Library has acquired at a decided bargain"The story of the nations" a set of histories of 67 volumes, which will be available to the public shortly.
Moody's Manual on Banks and insurance for 1935 has been rec'd.
The Library continues to receive books monthly from the Literary Guild, the Junior Literary Guild, The Religious Book Club and the Scientific Book Club.

Respectfully sub,itted,

April 1935

he Library was open 26 days in April 1931 -

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total at the Main

Library of 10,440

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Bookmobile " 1702

leing a grand total of

12,423

fictions from the Library fiction collection were loaned -

itors on Sunday afternoons average 42

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.D. W. Fiske who gave a 12 vol. edition of Shakespeare -

lt. Thorpe -

nited Television, N.Y. City -

r Golf Club"

June 1935

In June 1935, the Library was open 25 days.

At the Main Library children borrowed	2237	books
adults #	6959	"
Crescent Library loaned	203	
The bookmobile loaned	1655	
Making a grand total of	11,052	

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 33.

The reading habit has persisted in spite of the warm days, the reading rooms have been well filled, and the Kanawha College summer students have availed themselves of the books, especially the biology and botany classes, they have also used faithfully the periodicals and newspapers.

When placing the newly arrived newspapers on the rack, we have observed that the Baltimore Sun, The New York Times, Cincinneti Enquirer & the Courie Journal are most frequently read, indicating their popularity with the readers.

Among the books received in June may be mentioned 4 vols. of the Loeb classics; the 15th. and final volume of the Encyclopedia of the social scien ces; vol.16 of the Dictionary of American biography.

Books were given by:
Virginia Talmadge
M.H.F.Kinsey
W.B.Mathews
Amer. Assn. for adult education
Amer. Historical Society
Mrs.W.E.Chilton gave books and pamphlets on Japan & Japanese gardens.

Mr.Clifford Myers has loaned to the Library the very lovely oil painting by George Ames Aldrich.
I would like to report that we have had a very interesting visit from Mr.Frank Glenn of Kansas City, Mo. a bibliophile and also a dealer in books, who, in browsing around discovered that the Library possessed a Shakespeare Head Press Shakespeare; his comments were very enlightening and encouraging for he said that one rarely sees this edition in a public library and gave me several reasons why he thought this Library very fortunate in its possession

1 That it is the first Shakespeare printed at Stratford-on-Avon since the 1623 Folio.
2 It is printed on hand-made paper, made at Stratford.
3 That it is the finest privately printed edition of Shakespeare to date.
4 It is printed on a hand press.
5 It is uncut
6 Notes in the last volume, not to spoil the looks of the pages of the text
7 It is the last word in fine printing

This same visitor was enchanted with the exterior of the Library, the gray stone vine covered made a most pleasing sight, and he and his wife viewed the building from every angle, and they both agreed that it was the most attractive public library they had ever seen ! He also saw the Oxford dictionary, which is very much worn & advised that it be re-bound very soon in 20 vols. and to arrange shelves so that volumes may be laid flat and not in an upright position, thereby saving strain on books.

Respectfully submitted,

August 1935.

The Library was open for business 27 days in August 1925.

Children borrowed	2191	books
Adults "	7750	
A total at the Main of	9941	books
Crescent loaned	540	
The bookmobile loaned	1998	

Making a grand total of 12,479 for the month.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 37.

This month of August the proportion of fiction to non-fiction in the adult dep't. is about 3 to 1, and in the children's dep't 4 to 1.

A good many people have expressed their appreciation of the books presented to the Library by Mr.John L.Dickinson, especially ministers, and Bible students, who consider them a boon and great help in their work.
The technical magazines, especially the chemical ones are more and more used, and Moody's investment manuals and weekly supplements are thoroughly appreciated by the business of the City. Many good books have been added in all departments; the Reference is richer by the addition of Rosenberg's history of costume in 5 vols. and invaluable guide to costume thriugh the ages many of the plated being in color.

There has been uite an epidemic of cutting articles from newspapers, especially Italian-Ethiopian news; but moving the racks very near the desk and watching very closely, the practice is somewhat checked. One razor blade was found in one of the evening papers.

Books have been given this month by Mrs.P.A.Haley; Mrs.Montague Blundon; Mrs.J.A.deGruyter; A.W.Flournoy; Selma Eliz, Buzzard; E.D.Zinninger; Mrs.John Gass will send the Library many books when she and Dr. Gass leave for their new home in New York City.

Reference work continues to grow, with the influx of College students and the hundreds of High School students asking for material for their work.
Members of clubs also get their material for papers here and appreciate the helpful books in the Reference Dep't also the "Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature" an invaluable guide to magazine articles.
This Library has fifty magazines which are indexed in this guide.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept.1935.

The Library was open 24 days in Sept.1935. It was closed all day Labor Day.

Children borrowed	2326	books
Adults "	7430	"
A total at the Main Library of		9756 or 406 a day
Crescent Library loaned		343
The bookmobile "		1592
Making a grand total of		11,691 for the month.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 46

Since the last meeting of the Library Board a number of interesting & timely books have been acquired; not only the best sellers, but but some of the substantial classics, such as the works of Francic Bacon; Jeremy Taylor; also very worth while books on many miscellaneous subjects which we were able to get at much reduced rates, such as the "Chats" on various subjects, such as lace & needlework; English china; old prints; copper and brass, etc. The new edition of the World Book was purchased for the Children's Dep't. The two Guilds books, and the book club books are received regularly. The last order of children's books was composed mainly of books on required reading lists for the grades, gotten out by the State Department of Schools.

Books were given this month by Mrs.John Gass and L.C.Massey Jr.
One of the Library books entitled "Games for two" was returned to us by a New York book dealer, he acquired it from a dealer in Atlanta, Ga., all all distinguishing marks were erased or nearly so. enough remained however fr from the embossed mark on title-page and key-page 49 to identify it; its round-about trip is still a mystery.

Two members of the Library staff, Misses Collins and Quarrier, attended the West Va. Library convention which was held in Fairmont Oct.18th., they reported an interesting meeting. The place of meeting for next year is still in abeyance, invitations were extended by Morgantown and Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Statistics for Oct.1935.

The Library was open 27 days in Oct.1935.

Children borrowed	3285	books
Adults "	8543	"

A total at the Main Library of	11,828	books
Crescent Library loaned	326	
The bookmobile	2,124	
Making a grand total of	14,278	

87 pictures were borrowed from the Library picture collection.

Visitors on Sunday afternoons averaged 60